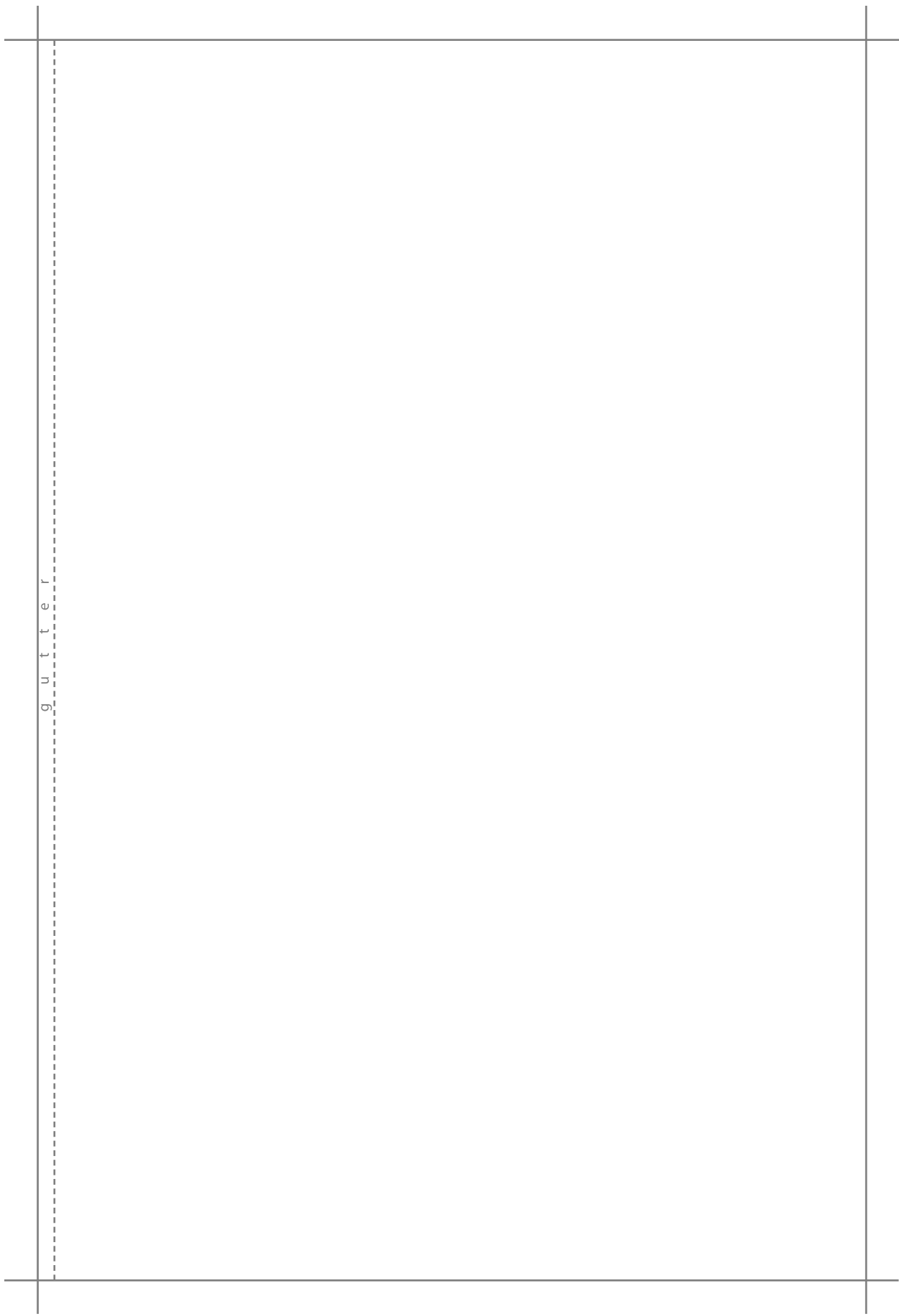
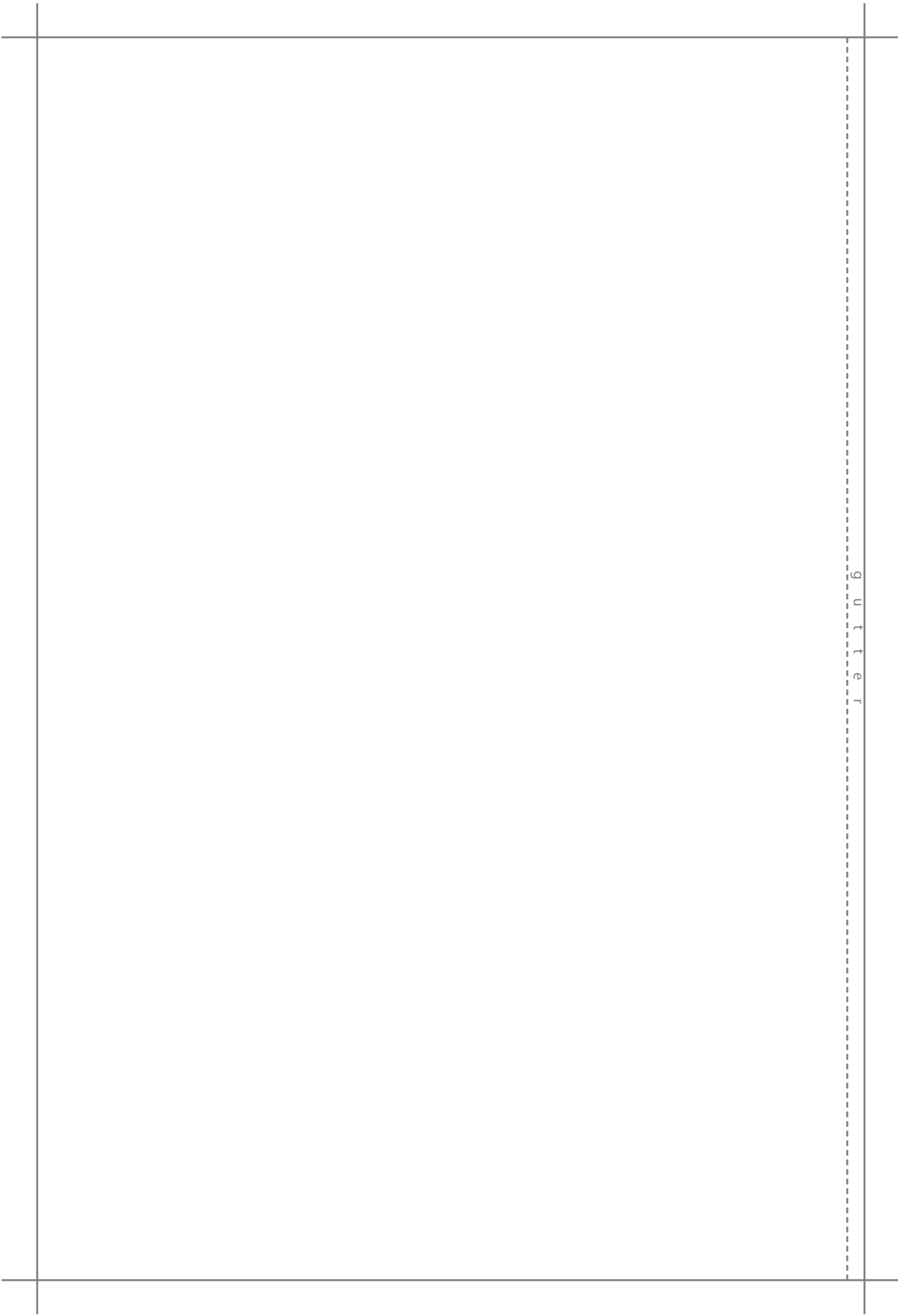




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FOREWORD

Dig! Discover! Digest! Disseminate!

These words summarise the impacting character of Norman Grubb and his ministry so far as I am concerned.

Introduced to him in my early twenties, I benefited from his life-giving teaching and constant encouragement through six years of training for missionary service, then as a candidate to WEC International and finally for over fifty years as a fellow worker in the mission.

It was in the heart of Africa while working with C T Studd, the founder of WEC, that he and his wife discovered the truth that the believer is dead and his life hidden with Christ in God. They saw the answer to effective service was not 'us' doing for God, but God accomplishing His purposes through us. They came to the steadfast assurance (like Paul in Galatians 2:20) "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me". From that unshakeable conviction Norman Grubb pursued a life long exploration of God's Word, absorbing, appropriating and sharing its life-giving message to the end of his days.

He saw, and lived out the liberating truth that he was fully identified with Christ in His death, resurrection and ascension. For him, to live was Christ, to die, gain. He encouraged us all to operate with positive faith on the declaration that we are seated with Christ, and partakers in His eternal victory over Satan and sin. (Ephesians 2:3-6). He continually taught union with Christ and unwaveringly maintained "Christ in you the hope of Glory." (Colossians 1:27)

Ever positive, he influenced converts and colleagues alike, to see not the human flaws, but Christ being formed in us. Seeing Christ in each other was the key to unity and positive teamship. He demonstrated this from his expositions on bible characters who, despite feet of clay, became co-operators with God in His purposes.

Norman Grubb was equally free and at ease wherever he shared God's Word, doing so without fear or favour. That might be in a formal drawing room with British elite, in a simple native dwelling amongst new converts on a mission field, with mission personnel in leadership meetings, at a Presidential breakfast in Washington D.C., USA, or addressing Missionary conventions. But he was at his best in smaller, informal gatherings with folks eager to grow in their faith and share from their hearts.

His gift of encouragement was extended through an ever-widening correspondence, not only with mission personnel, but countless contacts through his vast public ministry. His counsel was always based on the unchanging principles of God's word.

Who can measure the impact of this man's ministry? His grasp of truth and practical expression of it made him the Man of God he was. Hebrews 12:1 tells us, "Faith is substance." Norman Grubb's faith in our non-fail God paved the way for the phenomenal growth of WEC from one pioneer missionary in the north east of Congo to at least 70 overseas fields with about 3,000 full-time workers in the WEC International of today. He never retired. When he laid down leadership of the mission and could have faded into oblivion, he was totally involved in a vital itinerant ministry across USA until too frail to continue. The Word of God was a fire in his bones—he had to share it. That fire continues, by God's grace, to burn in the hearts of a new generation reaching out against impossible odds in this needy, turbulent world to see Christ planted in hearts. May God encourage and further impassion you likewise as you read on.

Marie K. Dinnen

INTRODUCTION

Knight of Faith Volume I, the first book of the trilogy of the letters of Norman Grubb, presented his life history along with those of his beliefs, faith and encouragement. This second book, *Knight of Faith* Volume II, will continue to present his beliefs and encouragement and will show his worldwide interests and involvements from his beloved Worldwide Evangelization Crusade (W.E.C.), to the many other individuals, organizations and countries with whom he had an active working relationship. The third book, *My Dear C.U.M.B.*, is a collection of letters to fellow members of the Cambridge University Missionary Band spanning the years 1922-1989.

My vision and commission to compile these books began during my many visits with Norman in his home. In almost every room, as well as in trunks and boxes in the basement and attic, there were stacks of his correspondence. I knew I had personally received over a hundred letters from him during our thirteen year friendship.

His letters encouraged me, exhorted me to faith, cautioned me and counseled me. At times he shared his own heartaches, allowing me to give back to him all he had generously and selflessly shared. I learned, as I saw at times, even *he* needed to be reminded that God was "All in all." I particularly loved Norman's letters because in them I received more insight about the man himself than in his books. I could only imagine the wealth others had received from him as he shared himself and his Lord Jesus Christ through his correspondence.

He saw all as his equal in Christ and in turn made each of us see ourselves so. He taught us to be people of faith by directing us to look not at life's circumstances but to God and what He was about in those hard places, because God was the "real," not the circumstance.

I began my mission by sending letters to a little over 500 people on Norman's mailing and conference lists explaining my desire to publish this book and requesting any of his letters they would be willing to share. I also asked them to share any special memories they might have of Norman as well as a salutation they used in writing him. I received many responses; some even included copies of their letters to him. In addition, I asked each one to help me by sending my request to anyone they might know who had corresponded with him. In one case, I corresponded at length with a woman for over a year before she finally trusted me enough to send her

treasured letters containing intimate details of issues on which Norman had counseled her. Another woman, who had known him since the early 1960's, sent me 350 letters from him! Norman loved sharing his, as well as others' letters, with those whom he thought might benefit from them. Many of the letters I received were "shared" copies. And finally, he gave me some letters during my visits in his home.

Each chapter begins with a word from those who knew this *knight of faith*. Some of the comments will be about him and others will be to him. Two chapters will be introduced by words from Norman. In one chapter you will find a litany of his "one liners." They are catchy and deeply thought provoking. Another will contain gems of his extraordinary faith. Some letters were dictated to his daughter, Priscilla, when he was bedridden and no longer able to write. His punctuation was "creative" and his sentences impossibly long. For the most part, the letters are exactly as he wrote them containing many of his British phrasings, punctuations and spellings. I have edited only for repetitiveness or privacy.

The letters in Volume II show us another side of Norman's ministry. In them you will find his worldwide connections through his Mission as well as involvements with numerous other organizations, boards and personal contacts. I was amazed to see how all-encompassing his work in Christianity was during these many decades.

NPG HISTORY

Norman Percy Grubb was born August 2, 1895 to Harry Percy Grubb and Margaret Adelaide Crichton-Stuart. He was of "prominent British lineage" but found no gain in his earthly heritage. His boyhood years were spent in the village of Oxton where his father was an Anglican clergyman. Although he was raised in a Christian home and in the Church of England, Norman was presented with a question as a teenager that he could not answer. "Do you belong to Christ?"¹ seared his soul. Through this event he came to know Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

When World War I began in 1914 Norman soon received his call-up and commission as a second lieutenant in the British army. His goal was to be a good soldier not only for England, but also for Jesus Christ by bringing the gospel to his fellow soldiers on the battlefield.

He spent the next few years defending Britain's commitment until he was wounded in France and sent home to recover. For his service he

received the Military Medal. His return to England to recover from his leg wound would set the course of his life.

While in the hospital he was visited by Gilbert Barclay, a chaplain and a son-in-law of C.T. Studd, founder of the Heart of Africa Mission, later to become the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade. Reverend Barclay left a small booklet on his bed called "The Heart of Africa." As soon as he began to read it, Norman "heard an inward voice as clear as I ever heard in my life. 'That is where you are to go.'"² He immediately wrote to Mrs. Studd of his call. Little did he realize that this call would also include a wife, Pauline Evangeline Studd, the youngest daughter of Priscilla and C.T. Studd.

After the war he attended Trinity College in Cambridge. As usual he began sharing his faith at every opportunity—going door to door to speak to individuals and participating in a students' Bible study and prayer group known as the Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union. It was here in 1919 that the Holy Spirit gave him the vision for Inter-Varsity Conference (now Inter-Varsity Fellowship) to have bible study groups like his in every college and university.

One semester before completing his degree, the Lord impressed upon him that now was the time to fulfill his call to Africa. Thus began a life-long pattern the Lord had for him—earthly credentials were not to be his. In 1919 Norman and Pauline were married and immediately set sail for the Congo to join C.T. The journey took three months by boat, train, flat-bottomed river steamer, truck and then the final three hundred miles by foot and bicycle.

One of Norman's often-told stories was of almost losing his fiancée, Pauline. He told her he was afraid of losing out in his "call" because he loved her more than he loved God. She responded that she would not marry him because God would be first in his life, God's work second and she third. And she wanted to be third in no man's life. This was great agony for him, until the Holy Spirit revealed to Pauline through Philemon 15 - "For perhaps therefore he departed for a season, that thou should receive him forever"³- that she was to marry him. The strength of her "No" became the strength of her "Yes." He always believed that it was her wisdom and stabilizing force that enabled him to build W.E.C. as he did.

Norman remained in the Congo until 1931. Along with bringing Christ to the Africans, his work included translating the Bible into Bangala, their common market language. Norman and Pauline had four children. Their

first child, Noel, born in the Congo, died on his first birthday. God later gave them Paul, Priscilla and Daniel.

Not long after arriving in Africa Norman found himself in the second great crisis of his life. He discovered that he could not love the Africans (who called him Ngrubi, shortened to Rubi by fellow missionaries) as he knew God wanted him to. It was then that God revealed to both Norman and Pauline Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me, and gave Himself for me." That night in the jungle he made a headstone saying, "Here lies Norman Grubb" and he took by faith what the scriptures said.

However, he remained in a "crisis of faith" for two years until the Holy Spirit made Galatians 2:20 fully alive in him. During this time he met Rees Howells and was invited to visit him at the Swansea Bible College. While there Norman saw and heard God living in and speaking through a man. In observing Rees Howells he finally understood the fulfillment of Galatians 2:20 for himself.

Within a few years God brought him to the third and final crisis of his inner life. So severe was it that he even doubted the existence of the God to whom he had given his life and served with his whole heart. His answer came in reading Andrew Murray's *"Wholly for God"* and was expanded through several others who would become his "friends" for life—William Law, Jacob Boehme, Soren Kierkegaard, John of the Cross, Meister Eckhart, Walter Lanyon, Teresa of Avila, Henry Suso, Plotinus, Richard Rolle, Lady Julian of Norwich, Walter Hilton, John of Ruysbroeck, Thomas Troward, Evelyn Underhill, William Kingsland, Jesse Penn Lewis and Rufus Jones.

In his autobiography *"Once Caught, No Escape"* Norman says, "...there has been for me a vital difference between the second experience of discovering Christ living in me, and this third revelation of Christ all in all. The second experience left gaps where I did not yet see Him in everything everywhere, and all a form of Him, whether negatively of Him in wrath, or positively of Him in grace as light; and so there were separations, and callings on Him to be this or do that, in place of affirming that He is in fullness of His action everywhere...to be settled into this union which is unity, I had to go through a 'dark night of the soul' which affected no outward things, but the very inward vitals of my 'I and Thou' consciousness."⁴

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The Worldwide Evangelization Crusade was unique in missions. Being a “faith mission” they told only God of their needs. They did not raise money or appeal to man for the work, but all trusted God at each turn for His supply. When C.T. died Norman and Pauline took over the mission’s leadership. He remained International Secretary until his retirement.

The years that Norman led W.E.C. were years of great growth and expansion built on the foundation of their Four Pillars - sacrifice, faith, holiness and fellowship. One of the mission’s outreaches was to the United States. In 1957 it was decided that Norman and Pauline would move their family, which had grown to include their son Paul’s two children, Sandy and Nicky, to America.

In the years prior to the move, on trips to the United States to speak about the mission, he made numerous contacts in churches, Bible colleges, universities, home groups, other missions and Christian fellowships such as Faith At Work, Camps Farthest Out and International Christian Leadership, who host the Presidential Prayer Breakfast. An amazing thing began to happen. When speaking about the work, he also told of life changing truths of the “replaced life” he knew. People began to “catch” what he was saying as the Holy Spirit revealed to them their union with Christ.

In the midst of an active mission life Norman also wrote a number of biographies of men and women of faith and booklets telling of mission life, as well as several books and booklets detailing his theology as the Holy Spirit expanded his understanding of God. His passion was always as Paul’s - that “Christ be formed in you.”

As the work in America expanded, turmoil and tensions began for Norman within the Mission and the Spirit clearly showed that “retirement” was to be the way for him. He was relieved of his duties in 1965.

As with many great men of the Bible in their latter years, when their life’s work seemed over, God had a new work for Norman. He called it “God’s redirection” in order that he might bring Paul’s “mystery of the gospel, Christ in you, the hope of glory” to many he could not reach through W.E.C. Norman had shared the truths which God had given him in Galatians 2:20 for thirty years, but few in W.E.C. really understood. And even though God gave him years of tremendous fruit with countless ones coming to fully understand their union with Christ, his heart remained broken over his beloved W.E.C. until his death, reminding me many times of Jesus as He cried over Jerusalem, always beseeching God that they would know what he boldly called “Total Truth.”

The last thirty-plus years of Norman's life were spent traveling eleven months of the year to conferences and home meetings for a week or a night. One of these homes was that of Pauline Catlett of Louisville, Kentucky. For many years she had been teaching the Bible to a group of young married women, as well as hosting missionaries from all over the world who would also share at meetings in her home. Norman Grubb was among those who came once a year.

Linda Bunting attended the Bible studies and recalled the first time she heard Norman. She said she could not have repeated what he said, but that for the first time in her life someone made her feel that there was something good about her. She slowly began to see the truth that it was Christ living her everyday life—washing the dishes, feeding her children, folding the clothes, driving the carpool, etc. In her own personal hardships Norman taught her how to believe God for their resolve—how to live by faith.

In 1974 Linda asked Norman if there were others he visited who understood the truths he had brought to her. Out of this came a weekend house party at Linda and John Bunting's home of forty "knowers" from across the U.S. That first weekend of fellowship became a yearly gathering and grew from forty in their basement to three hundred in a large tent set up in the backyard. It continues today with an annual gathering the second weekend in September.

One of the attendees the first year was a successful businessman from Illinois, Bill Volkman, who wanted a way to communicate what people were sharing. He began a magazine called "Union Life" which he published for almost twenty-five years. He also established a conference center in Wisconsin for summer retreats. God began to open many new doors through the magazine and the quickening of the Spirit in people's lives.

In several ways life had become increasingly difficult for Norman. He did not drive and his advancing age made it impossible for him to travel by plane or train. Pauline was very ill and needed additional care at home. God once again provided, as He always had.

In 1979 Norman's granddaughter, Sandy, heard the call of the Lord to leave her life in the business world and return home in order to help with her ailing grandmother, Pauline, and support her grandfather in whatever way she could, hoping to extend his years of ministry. Pauline was bedridden, and although their daughter, Priscilla, lived with them, she was unable to undertake her care. A W.E.C. missionary from England, Susie Wheeler, came to nurse Pauline. Sandy made it possible for Norman

to continue traveling until his 95<sup>th</sup> year and functioned as his companion, chauffer and personal secretary. Pauline's "glorification" came September 15, 1981.

In 1986 God once again brought division into Norman's life. The Union Life fellowship split due to doctrinal differences. Those who remained with Norman gathered in January 1987 to seek the Lord's direction. Within a short period of time it became apparent there were two strong opinions—those who wanted to start another magazine and build a retreat center and those who felt God calling them to have no organization, but be a living organism. Initially Norman wanted to leave an organization such as he had built in W.E.C., but he came to realize that God's "new thing" (Isaiah 42:9; 43:18) was truly new and freedom from what had been.

In 1989 doctors discovered that Sandy had lung cancer. As she underwent treatment she continued her duties for Norman until the summer of 1992 when the cancer metastasized to her brain. During this time Norman's legs had begun to give way and he had fallen several times. Sandy had to make a very hard decision.

Although she had spent the last dozen years supporting Norman in whatever way she could in order that he continue his ministry, she now had to insist that he no longer walk without assistance because she could not afford to have him fall and break a hip. (Although Norman had the physical difficulties of weak lungs, frostbitten feet and a "bad" leg from a WW I injury, he was not what he called a "body fusser." Many times when asked how he was, he would reply, "Oh, I don't know; I haven't noticed.") He became wheelchair-bound and bedridden, but remained mentally sharp until just prior to his "homegoing" on December 15, 1993. Sandy's life was completed fourteen months earlier, October 2, 1992. Losing her was one of the great heartaches of Norman's life.

After Sandy died Norman's life became even more isolated and lonely. I continued to visit him for a week every few months. Norman was ever his gracious, kind, loving and always appreciative self.

## THE FINAL DAYS

The last time I was with him was about three weeks before his death. He asked Linda Bunting and me to come and be with him while a W.E.C. missionary, Elliot Tepper, from Betel in Spain was to visit him along with about ten of the men from Betel's fellowship. Our friend, Sylvia Pearce, accompanied us.

When we arrived we found Norman somewhat confused for the very first time. We were concerned that after traveling from Spain his visitors would not be able to have a meaningful time with him. But as they came into his room he was immediately fully alert remembering their visit a year earlier and even speaking to each of the young men individually by name, which was amazing as Norman rarely remembered anyone's name! They stayed about an hour. As Norman began to tire, Elliot asked him to pray and they took their leave.

He prayed a beautiful and very personal prayer. As soon as he finished and they left, he again became confused. I was reminded of the many times over the years when I had seen him sharing in homes around the country. In his late eighties and early nineties traveling was very wearing on him. Many times, tired or ill with bronchitis, when it was time for him to speak the Spirit within him would rise and he would talk for an hour or two in a strong clear voice. In these times we all readily saw the "same Spirit who raised Christ Jesus from the dead" dwelling in a mortal body.

I received a call from Norman's family on the morning after he peacefully passed away late the night before, December 15, 1993. His nurse, Cheryl, reported that his breathing had become labored and he had whispered, "Abba Father," just before the Lord came for him. He was buried in Philadelphia next to his beloved wife Pauline. His son Daniel, an Episcopal minister, officiated at his burial.

A close W.E.C. co-worker and friend, John Whittle, told Stewart Dinnen, also of W.E.C., shortly after Norman's death that he had only recently come to see that God had given Norman a commission after W.E.C. and that was to bring Galatians 2:20 to the whole body of Christ. After reading the volume of letters over the years, I have been awestruck by the realization that his "Total Truth" message was his commission all along—from that day in 1920 that he believed Galatians 2:20. Building W.E.C.—as great as it was—was really secondary to fully building the believer in Christ. Movements will pass. Missionary groups will pass. Organizations will pass. Civilizations will pass, but the truth of Christ and the *full* work of His cross—its meaning and reality for mankind—will never pass away!

My heartfelt thanks to...Linda Bunting for your willingness to help in any way and for your wisdom at many turns in this endeavor...Judy Dunn for being available over the years and especially in the final push as you worked side by side with me in typing, proofreading, formatting, advising me from an executive secretary point of view and making it "your" book also...Doug Eblen and Sam Dunn for each of you following the leading of

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As you read Norman's letters my prayer is that you will read them with your "heart," feel as though he has written to you *and* let anything that seems foreign to your understanding be sorted out by the Holy Spirit. The letters were chosen to express Norman's theology, background, personality, involvements, care and concern—revealing his Scriptural approach to life, yet showing his warmth, humor and humanity. I have included a broad range of letters from deep theological essays to simple love-touches and practical exchanges of information. You will find surprising and challenging thoughts that take you beyond the norm and transport you to a different dimension. May you come to know, love and appreciate, or maybe fondly remember, Norman Grubb—this remarkable *knight of faith*—as I did. Blessings...





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“There is an element in the gospel of Christ  
so disturbing  
that the world will forever reject it,  
but never forget it;  
and the Church will forever waiver between  
patronage and persecution.  
Yours is the present,  
for the world will ridicule or crucify us;  
but I think the future is ours.”

“The Gold Cord” .....  
Brother A. Vida Schudder



## BELIEFS

Every new moving of the Spirit takes some new form. NPG

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I take it that when God has put such a direct need or challenge in my path, then it is God saying to me that He has already supplied that need in the invisible and is requiring the human cooperation of my faith to bring the invisible into the visible. NPG

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Life is suffering resolved in faith, the one giving passion to the other! NPG

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There is a time when faith goes against the ethical.
Abraham tape 1986 NPG

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The law must be their schoolmaster to lead them to Christ...with the law was given the tabernacle and sacrifices...the few, the inner circle, would always find the secret way of the Spirit. NPG

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Faith is like climbing a mountain. Scale one peak and even as you pause to drink in the glory of the scene, another yet higher spur entices the adventurer onward. *Mountain Movers* NPG

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Norman Percy Grubb

July 5, 1956

My dear Allen,

Very glad to hear from you again. I always enjoy your letters, and there is always something worthwhile in them, because you get down to the personal.

So glad you have these opportunities of testimony. Best of all is your last sentence about the Lord's personal dealings with you. I do thank God for the continuing grace He gives you, not just in private dealings with you, but in sharing them. I am more and more absolutely sure that the real sharing basis walking in the light with each other is God's way. We need to come farther along this line in London, if the blessing which has started is to continue to flow. God has done a real thing for you in exposing that inferiority complex and in your being able to name it. May He give you grace, under His won guidance to share that with others. I have always known that that is a battle with you and God is touching the depths of the self-life, when He can deal with that; for it is really only another form of pride, too little self is as much a sin as too big self. We are just to be self in the Spirit - not I but Christ in me.

Write again. I always like to hear. Much hoping the Lord will keep the way open for me for Sept.

Ever yours,



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July 26, 1956

My dear Mary:

A further line of thanks for your heartwarming letter of July 11<sup>th</sup>. It is lovely to get these letters so full of the Lord. In the end it all boils down to the simple daily walk with Jesus, as many of us learned through Ruanda. As I said in my previous note, I think I detect some strain coming in. Perhaps that is inevitable after a big blessing and with the temptation to try and keep the fires well stoked. But there is no fire except Jesus, and the only way we walk with Him is by the simplest of faith, whether we feel Him or no. Well, perhaps it is not right to say

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“whether we feel Him or no”, because when we abide in Him our cups do run over and that is the proof of His presence in our hearts. If that joy and peace and faith are missing, then it is sin, and the most continual form of sin is striving. That is to say trying to do things, or work things up, or maintain things, by self effort. I am glad God is teaching you that precious lesson that praise is the secret. I long ago did, as you do, and learned to take no note of the devil. Keep occupied with Jesus and you can't see the devil. No blessing in the world can in the end take the place of the simple daily walk with Him. The value of the big blessings is that it sets our feet more firmly on the road and makes it easier for us to walk, but then we shall have to keep walking.

Much love to you and Dave.

Ever yours,



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November 4, 1958

My dear Esther;

Good to get your letter, and thank you so much for the gift. I was going to put it into the work, until I saw in the corner that you had most kindly made it out to me. Thank you so much, and I will look to the Lord to guide us for the right use of it. It is good of you.

I don't like your “spiritual slump”, though I am glad of the word of testimony of how the Lord has used it. Of course if we could talk, you might be able to open your heart and explain more deeply what you went through. It is good to share these things. But at the same time, there is a place in Christ, where He is the fixed centre of our lives, the other Self, the other I in us, and we don't slump, because it is not really we living our lives and handling our problems; that is an illusion; the real I is Christ in me, and we walk the waters with Him. We must talk more on this. Maybe God is using those storms to teach you this. I have dug at it in the book you find difficult; but there is real light there. I wonder if you had a manuscript on “The Dark and Light Principle” which I wrote years back (unfinished). But one person, who was blessed through it, has had a lot mimeographed. I will send you one if not.

Norman Percy Grubb

Write me again, and look on me as your elder brother in Christ, and open your heart to me on these things.

Very much love to you both, so dear to me,
Ever yours,



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December

Dear John,

Thank you for your letter, and for the way in which you have accepted my rather presumptuous comments. That is living Christ as well as writing about Him!

Of course quote anything you like if you are discussing this matter in your next issue. I just wrote, of course, without thought of publication, what came from my heart and mind. But I believe you will do well and wisely to get this thing into the open. If it can be a means of dissolving some of us touchy fundamentalists, and building a bridge by which you can make your contribution to us, that will be all to the good. I shall read what you say with the greatest of interest, and then perhaps make further comments!!

I am indeed not "against" you and your calling. I deeply feel that there is a bridge to be built, and in my own way seek to help build it. That is why I have written to you as I have. For those reasons I count it a privilege to have contact with such groups as you represent, and Abram Vereide and others in the International Christian Leadership over here. I believe Billy Graham has been very much of a bridge builder also, in keeping his platform open to a wider representation than the strict conservative. We conservatives have fallen short, both on the intellectual and social aspects of the Gospel. "Christianity Today" over here, and the I.V.F. Britain are doing much to fill the intellectual gap; maybe your magazine can be an agent to convince us more of our social obligations, and show us how to fulfill them. I note that "Christianity Today" has a leading article by the Editor on this very subject. I wonder if a paper can be big enough to present both sides of a thing. In a recent little book that Lutterworth has published for me, called "The Deep Things of God", the next to the last chapter is on "True Ecumenicity".

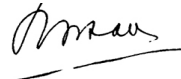
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When I sent the manuscript in, the publishers jibed at including this chapter, as they felt it crossed the normal ecumenical line for which they stand too drastically. So I wrote and told them that was just like this ecumenical movement. They are ecumenical towards all who agree with their brand of ecumenicity; but tread on their toes and....! I am thankful to say that Lutterworth were big enough to pull back and agree to include the chapter. I would love to see the ecumenical movement boldly affirm and embrace in all their large conferences and declarations the fact that the church of Christ is so much bigger than the World Council of Churches. They ought much more seriously to recognize and take account of the fact that the really zealous spearpoint of the Church Militant here on earth is outside the W.C.C. You probably saw that striking article in "The Christian Century" by Van Dusen of the Union Theological Seminary, written about two years ago. It was republished recently, accompanied by photographs, in the Life magazine. Van Dusen's point was that on the Caribbean journey he found that the vital work of the church today is being carried on by what he called "the fringe sects". He then asked the pertinent question, "Fringe of what?" His answer was that the ecumenical circles regard them as the fringe sects, but it is quite another question as to whether they are on the fringe of the New Testament church. Then he gave about eight points which made him think that these so-called fringe sects, are more near the center of the New Testament conception of the living church, and that the ecumenical bodies should approach them in the spirit of readiness to learn from them. You can imagine we folk were pleased!!

But enough. If, however "Frontier" can build a bridge which can give full appreciation to both sides, that would be good.

Excuse all this talk,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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July 28, 1960

My dear Susan;

Thank you for your heart opening letter. I am so glad that you can freely let me know the inside of things, and of course I do not pass on these matters, only news of the blessing.

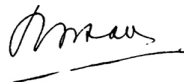
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I just marvel at the grace of God, but that is God. He is not interested in our professions of righteousness, for we have none; but when He gets us broken, sometimes He takes us right into falls and sins of the flesh to expose ourselves to ourselves, then His mercy and grace can abound. It is the redeemed sinner in whom He is glorified, and I see, and thrill to see the abundance of the grace of God on you in such a marked way these days. A big Hallelujah! Your letters are a great joy and refreshment.

That's all now, my dear. But how greatly I rejoice in the triumphing and keeping Christ in you.

Much love, and don't be long before you write again. If it is only just an exposure of what God is saying to you on the inside such as this letter, it is precious and useful to me.

Ever your father in Christ,



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Fort Washington, Penna.  
Dec.5.60

Dear Pamela,

Your letter came to-day, just before I leave for Toronto for a week; but anyhow it so gets down to things that I would squeeze in an answer somehow. I am so glad you write and send copies to Cynthia and her pastor. We can find the way in love when we walk in the light, so you have done quite right, and I feel the reality of your love in doing so, and what it has cost you to do it, and I believe you have done it in the genuine love of God.

I think there are two problems intermingled, and that we must untie them. One is the doctrinal Question, and the other your personal comments.

To take the doctrinal first. The seriousness of these things have rocked the church of Christ from its beginnings, and will always do so. They are a healthy evidence of a faith which has a passion and conviction in it! You see some of us who are usually called "fundamentalists" have fought thru, not without pain, struggle and conviction, to a position in which we accept the revelation of God to man in His written Word; we know there are matters we cannot explain, we



know nothing can be finally proved, but we have made our irrevocable decision that the only sound foundation for faith in the revelation “from the other side” is the Scriptures. Therefore, although we centre our fellowship in the positive affirmation of Christ for us and in us, and do not snoop around to find if everyone crosses every T we cross, yet if we hear our Christian leaders deny the inspiration of the Bible, and relegate various passages to various human viewpoints or traditions, we feel we have to make a firm and open protest, and if such points of view continue to be taught, we probably feel the need to separate, still loving our brother in Christ from whom we differ, but being unable sufficiently to “speak the same thing” to worship and witness and search the Scriptures happily together.

Now all I know is that Cynthia did clearly state that at a Bible study on Genesis, the pastor presented two of the early chapters of Genesis as varying viewpoints on the Creation, and thus of course as human traditions rather than God’s inspired Word. Cynthia countered this by saying that she had been taught and accepted in Bible School that they were two supplementary accounts, one giving more detail than the other. When Cynthia said that, of course I said I agreed with her, and do agree.

Now that is a real hurdle, and the question is, Can it be jumped over? That is why I so regretted that my timetable did not allow for a further meeting, at which perhaps her pastor might also graciously have been willing to be present. My hope was and is that to take away from the basic inspiration of the Scriptures might be something which would not be appearing in his ministry, and it looks like it from your statement of the way the “revelation of God through the Scriptures and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit” is preached Sunday after Sunday. Thank God for that; and that on that basis we can all go on together in the witness to Christ in the town; which was his strong point when we talked together. But I still feel Cynthia did right and well to make her plain stand for “the faith once delivered to the saints”. I would feel bound to do the same under the same circumstances.

This brings me, Pamela dear, to the second of the threads in your letter – your personal feelings about Cynthia. I don’t think you get any farther this way, Pamela. You have the right to your viewpoint of course but “to our own Master we stand or we fall”, and “who art thou that judgest another man’s servant?” And “let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind”. Cynthia is the Lord’s servant. You know

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I have the privilege of Cynthia sharing her problems and the Lord's dealings and leadings to her. I respect her walk in Christ. I have always admired Christ in her when on occasion I have advised this or that, she has given it consideration, but then she has come up plainly with "the Lord has not led me that way". That's right, each walking with God; and I have noticed that when she has made her own decisions on her own affairs, in the end she has proved to have the wisdom of God. You love her, Pamela, I believe that. She loves you, she told me so. Walk together in Jesus in love. There is no other hope of walking together. That means, surrender her back to God and dare to believe, not that she is "a sick soul", but that CHRIST is in her and leading her on, just as He is in you. It would be good if you two met together. You have expressed your feelings; now give them back to Him who lives in Cynthia, and "believe all things" about Cynthia, and affirm to each other that you stand together one in the Person of Jesus, not divided over viewpoints. Will you do that? Don't say that she goes about criticizing. We are all inclined to say that of one another, because we all do talk out of sincerity, and not meaning it in unlove. Probably she would feel like saying the same about you. But let us dare to trust each other's tongues to Jesus too, and believe that even when we do talk, we are not meaning it maliciously, just as you do not mean this letter like that. Also leave the practical details of Cynthia's life between herself and God; there is no other way of fellowship. Leave her to attend "church" as led, remembering that true "church" is any of God's people meeting anywhere. Leave her to equally arrange her household affairs, her comings and goings as led. You have a right to say what you feel, as you have done; but then we must leave the verdict with God, and deliberately trust Christ in each other.

Well, my dear, I wish I could be with you all face to face, because I have you in a special way in my heart. I would come up anytime anywhere if there was real necessity. But above all, stand together in love. Write me again. I am sending a copy of this to Cynthia.

Ever your brother in Christ,

  
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Jan.1.64

Lois my dear,

This is knocked off early before starting for Wash. You gave me a real concern last night and I am glad you did, dear, that is what our fellowship over the years is for!

As I thought it over and with the Lord early this a.m., I just see this. Life is not I living it in myself and in its effects on me. God lives His real life as being we, and we now (united with Him, part of Him, He in a certain sense) live our lives as being others. We live outside ourselves in others.

Now then, all I have to find out is Am I now walking in the ways He is walking in me? Well, in your case, that would not be to pull away from Tom and have church affiliations apart from him. So, because you are a unit as a family, you accept at present going along. You regard your being "in church" not by its effects on you, but you are the pastor, Tom, etc. and you relax in Love.

As to the children and what they get: it is not fiercely anti-Bible or anti-Christ. It just comes mighty short. Well, in that respect, leave the children with God who is in them. Refuse to take that concern. If HE wants a change, watch for Him to bring it about. I would not say that if they were being taught violently against Christ and the gospel, but they are not.

As to the "Luke" group, if they are persisting in views which cut across the Word, and the discussions are constantly up that street, it may be right to pull out, at least for the present.

Now dear, that's all for the moment, but I am with you in going thru this. I will get in touch when I return and maybe a quieter, more complete time together than we could have last night, and some prayer would be good.

You are precious to me, as is Tom.

Just off.

Ever lovingly,



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Norman Percy Grubb

March 21, 1965

My dear Bill and Ann;

Many thanks for yours. It is full of riches. If you and Ann can keep walking free and not be frightened into thinking that you must be tied to an organization with visible means of support, could it not be that the Lord would have an enlarging wandering ministry much as my own? It really seems as if the Lord is taking us up the same street, and my wanderings are bound to grow less in due course. It seems as if God is giving you the same spiritual insights, and I note your increasing joy in ministering by letter and I see you can get it across in letters. I have had this big release these past seven years or so all over this country and by a big correspondence, just because our dependence on God and independence of man in WEC has made it possible to follow freely where God has been taking me. It might be with you also.

You touch on many points in your letter, in which I can't go too far just now. Flesh and self for instance. Flesh is the external soul and body, which can always be invaded: In the old life by the Holy Spirit, in the new life by the sin spirit. Self is the internal, the new man which was once the old man. There we are permanently possessed once by the old spirit, now by the new. The invader of the flesh cannot get there, but we can move out temporarily under his solicitation though it is really an illusion, and that is Romans 7.

I don't believe with Ian Thomas that the wilderness was just willful self. No, it was ignorant self which had to discover itself, so in some form the wilderness is a necessity.

I like so many things you say, such as "revival being the activity of the revived within." That's good. And "the Gospel a He, not it," and that you no longer have to waste your energy defending that vigorous lion - the Gospel-which can well defend itself. And, "no need to try and push our convictions in others". I like Kierkegaard's "indirect communication," but I must expand that when I see you. Yes, my sentences are too long just as my speech is too quick. The only hope is that "the lame take the prey."

Tell Ann that I have no difficulty with the omnipresence of Satan, but if she has, let us dig more deeply next time. I believe probably in the fourth dimension all our spirits will be omnipresent, for there will be neither space nor time. Even brother Einstein nosed that out.

Lovely when you call yourselves "finders" rather than seekers.

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My much love to you both and those with you.

Ever yours,



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April 18, 1967

Dear Barbara;

I have been hearing of you from our beloved friend, and I rather think that some of you are meeting together for a time of fellowship.

I doubt whether there is any conflict on this question of sin. The only point is that when we are tripped up into sin, we know how quickly to replace the guilt by the cleansing for we were forgiven in Christ 2000 years before we sinned.

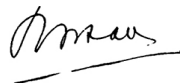
The church of the New Testament is people, and we are using the wrong term when we say, "go to church." All redeemed people are the church and we are a living church and fellowship wherever two or three are gathered in His Name though formal "church going" to use the long phrase is helpful to many. It has also given the wrong image to many that we are in a special relationship to Christ when we "attend church".

We redeemed people live in two kingdoms which intermingle with each other: The kingdom of heaven in which we live by the Spirit and bring forth the fruits of the Spirit in our daily lives, motivated by the inner law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus: and the kingdom of this world where most are still unredeemed, and the fallen self has to be controlled by other law, or we should have chaos in our social, national or international relationships. The United Nations is a gift from God on an international level for a fair deal under law for all nations, just as a democratic government is in your nation or mine. For that reason the United Nations are better than nothing.

Hope we can get time together to talk over more of these interesting questions you raise.

It was lovely to be with you all,

Lovingly in Christ,



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Norman Percy Grubb

May 10, 1967

My dear Brother Crawford,

Thank you for yours, which I got when I returned from a conference last night.

I don't know if you have seen the "offending" article, so I enclose (no need to return).

I think I probably am farther out on these lines than you and the brethren and would be happy to speak to your people. I suppose I would say that I take the Billy Graham position, or that of Paul Rees (editor of World Vision now). I don't move an inch from my fundamental Biblical convictions and stand these 45 years (since God gave me to found the InterVarsity Fellowship- now known here as IVCF- Cambridge in 1919 because the Student Christian Movement had so little gospel for students; but I do gladly recognize that the winds of the Spirit blow "as He listeth" and they blow more widely than our personal areas of activity, so I gladly fellowship with churches belonging to WCC denominations, and see God working mightily in such groups as are reached by Faith at Work or International Christian Leadership, or equally at the other end of the line among those touched by the charismatic. (I want to visit the Oral Roberts University where Brother Tommy Tyson is a beloved brother to me, and Dr. Bob Rice of Korea who first got WEC into Korea.)

So I would probably expect that it would be happier for you not to have me, though it need make no difference to our personal love and fellowship in Christ.

Ever affectionately yours in Christ,



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September 27, 1967

Dear Betty:

As we take the broad general view of the teaching of the New Testament, it is plain that salvation and our relationship to God through Christ is wholly inward and spiritual. Spirit with spirit (I Cor. 6:17). Outward forms are always presented to us only as signs and symbols

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of inner grace. See such Scriptures as Romans 2: 28, 29 referring back to Moses' statement in Deut. 10:16 and Galatians 6:15, Col. 2:11, 12. Even the Scriptures themselves are only an outward form, if just regarded as in the letter - II Cor. 3:16.

Therefore, we must be steady and not driven about by winds of doctrine (Ephesians 4:14) and fears of what man may seek to drive us into through particular emphasis on an isolated Scripture.

We can say, therefore, that baptism is given us as a normal sign of death and resurrection with Christ, and I would judge that the Scriptures do present it as a conscious confession of salvation, and that therefore the baptism of believers by immersion (note the "into" and "out of" of Acts 8:38, 39) is the true form of baptism, and not infant sprinkling.

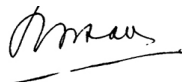
But at the same time, it is faith that makes grace operative in us and that therefore those who accept it by faith that their baptism as infants was a token of them being members of Christ so soon as they consciously believe, are in the family of God as much as those who have taken the outward believers' baptism.

And most certainly the whole weight of Scripture, except possibly for a text or two which taken in isolation, might require the necessity of baptism for salvation, is that salvation is by grace alone through faith - as stated in Ephesians 2:8, 9.

Do write me again if it will be a help. Your I Peter 3 reference plainly says the same, that baptism is not a question of outward water on the body, but just an evidence of an inner attitude to God.

My love to you.

Ever in Christ,


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November 2, 1967

Dear Mr. Brennan:

Very grateful thanks for the two pamphlets you sent. Yes, I was glad to have the fellowship with you and the other friends. I hope I may have a return visit.

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I have never gone far into dispensational truth myself, any more than I have into prophetic truth. We each have our measure of ministry by God's grace in the body, and mine has been more to concentrate on the revelation of the indwelling Christ and union with Him. But I'm always glad for all who search into God's truths and bring out some aspects which are helpful to consider, as these are. So thank you.

Warmly yours in Christ,



Dec.29.68

Dear friends Eldean and Merry,

How good and loving of you to write and send the card. So glad to get this living touch with you. Beyond these touches with you, of course I hear nothing from Memphis now that our precious Mother Haley is with the Lord. How I loved her!

I go ahead all over the country bringing this secret of all secrets—that it is not how we keep hold of Him - that can slip; but He has taken such tight hold of us, and so joined Himself to us - Spirit with spirit—that His union with us remains a fact, no matter how we slip, deviate or even sin. Never changes His choice of us. So we walk in recognition of that fact, even when the devil or our friends or we ourselves point an accusing finger at us and say, "How can you be a manifestation of the indwelling Christ, when you are such a failure?" But it is a lie and we learn to refuse these false condemnations.

Just my love to you. I remember the boys so keen on their cycles when I was last with you. I shall be in England all next summer.

Affectionately,



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December 31, 1968

My dear Emma,

It was good to get your fine letter. I'm so glad of the witness you now have of being in the Lord's place and with the Lord's equipment. I

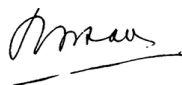
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go along with you in thanking God for every means by which He brings us into the consciousness of the Holy Spirit in His fullness in us, and to affirming and experiencing the promise of John 7:38. I would only put one proviso to what you say, although I don't think you mean it. That is that the Holy Spirit is not limited to the ways He's working through what we call "The Charismatic Movement." I'm entirely with you in glorifying God for what He is doing in these recent years by the outbreaks of the Spirit accompanied by the gifts, especially of tongues. I am surely not of those who are quick to note exaggerated nor distorted effects in some lives, instead of praising God for the vast evidences of the workings of the Spirit in so many others.

But even your letter can give the impression that this is the way of the working of the Spirit these days. We must not say that. God has vast numbers of His agencies through whom He is working world wide quite apart from the charismatic—the Billy Graham Crusades, Campus Crusades, and the Lay Witness Movement, hundreds of missionary agencies. So preserve the balance there, and when you do tell of the way the Spirit baptizes and works through lives and the particular ways in which He has come to you, don't give any the impression that He is limited to any particular ways. I don't think you do by the way you say you were able to witness to fellow missionaries in Fuller's—only even there you speak of "those who seemed closed to even considering the new thing God is doing". They may seem closed if you have given the impression that the new thing is specifically the charismatic.

My love to you and also from Ma Rubi. Always glad to hear from you.

Ever affectionately,



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July 20.71

Bill,

You write such great refreshing "epistles". Just pouring it out as it flows. Does me good every time, and Pauline and I have not yet got over the poem. Really hit the spot!

As usual, you know we go along together! How I echo the "being", and the "doing" simply compulsively flows out of that - His doings! And

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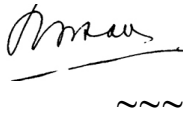
the heart of this life is "awareness" or I use the word "recognition"- same thing.

I think the "shallowness and selfishness" that "turns you off" is only a cover, isn't it. Everybody must be hungry and dissatisfied until they have finally "come home" in God, mustn't they; but there is the old, old problem of thinking there must be self-improvement, and then hiding under the inability to "attain". So we each have to be "broken on the wheel" of vain self-effort, don't we, until the brokenness is complete enough for the darkness to be swallowed up in light. God will get us all there by one means or another, so I have to practice seeing through these frustrating appearances to God in hidden action! I am always slipping up there!

This is a wretchedly short line, but I wanted to send something when you so refresh us.

Much love. I love your "wouldn't return to my old way of busyness for all the gold on earth". Yes, we're surely caught and can't escape.

Ever lovingly,



Feb.15.76

Betty dearest,

The silence is mine, as yours was the last - to me - enclosing the extract on your daughter. I note - which naturally interests me more than the health-food stuff, (for we are all too body-minded instead of being Spirit-minded!) - that she is with the "Way" folk. I think that's the brother who gives you quite a mountainous compendium of charts etc. to study, but he is Scripture-based, and has quite a following. I know one young fellow who has become quite an "addict". But ok, when it is the Word of God. We all go thru phases where ours is "The" Way, and often I think it does stabilize folks. "Wisdom is justified of all her children"! I couldn't back the "Moon" folk and those who really make an idol of a man; but when a special group is Christ-centred, even though they consider themselves very special, well we say with Paul, "Christ is preached and we therein do rejoice and will rejoice".

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I'm going ahead as before. My precious Pauline seems a little better though mainly still in bed but so lovingly cared for by one of our Mission workers who came from England with a call from God to be with her.

Thank you, love, for the bit on "a friend" you also enclosed. Our love remains the same, eternal in Him whether we are talking with each other or not.

ever loving you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Pauline', followed by a horizontal line and three wavy lines underneath.

May 10.77

Dearest Lillian,

Of course I understand - yours came yesterday, and I am wholly with you on both things. I find it hard to believe that your pastor would countenance a known homo, who obviously justifies his sin and has no intention of repenting and forsaking. I would have to take the same stand as you completely. I hold fully with you that a husband (or wife) who knows the Lord never leaves his wife unless she purposely leaves him, because love isn't the ups or downs of outer relationship (soul & Body), but is God's self-giving love which never changes and "lays down its life" for the other. So when he says it was not his wife's fault, he still has less grounds for divorcing her (though in fact he can never have any grounds). So I would agree with you in not being able to back him in this.

All this, dear, is also being God's way of establishing you in Himself alone, apart from any man, when that does include "the offence of the Cross" in having to put your loyalty to Him before your fellowship with your pastor and his desire for your approval. God has His own beautiful ways of pressing us thru to GOD ONLY, hasn't He?

But I also think you are right in remaining with the church while your husband feels at home there. If God wants a change (and it would be pretty radical when you are so much a part of the church), He will do it in a way which you will be one about it, and you find you can do nothing else.

Norman Percy Grubb

I shall greatly miss our visit, dear, but our hearts are always bound together in His love. You are both wonderful to me.

ever loving you,

  
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Dear Sue Ellen,

First we start at the roots and source. If God is an infinite passion of love, all is an infinite passion of love. And love means the infinite passion to be joined to the loved one- Love seeks union till it finds it. So we humans, made of and for God, can never be at home till we find our total and sole oneness with The One. And this is precisely what we have found in union with The Son through the Spirit, and thus in union with the Father. We know and are totally satisfied only with this being one with Him who is Three-in-One.

And then we are stretched in our inner knowing to be one with all, both persons and all creation, as we have revealed to us that all is HE in infinite variety of forms.

This is typified for us in the book of Revelation by "the Marriage Supper of the Lamb", for which "his wife hath made herself ready". And Solomon 's Song of Songs gives us the individual ecstasies of that marriage union and consummation in the figures of the physical loves and union of the Shepherd and shepherd girl. Now we humans are marvellously brought into our human existence as God's Self-manifestation and Self-expression in our human forms - God embodied in our humanity as inheritors and managers of His universe. And our human relationships in our expression of His love-passion by us is established by a one to one union of us as males and females, which is exactly typical of our one to One spirit-union with the Deity, as Paul particularly explains in Eph.5. Therefore it is intended from the creation (Gen. 2. 23, 24.) to be as humanly fixed and indissoluble as our eternal marriage union. And husband and wife are to be as "sacred" to each other in their union as with God and us; and the physical consummation has the same totality of ecstasy the one with the other, in the human orgasm, in which it is the one giving himself or herself to the other, the one for the other, not as the one for himself as in adultery

or fornication, which has no sense of continuity to it in a life of mutual self-giving, and the two together re-expressing themselves in their children.

So there is a special sense, as Paul says in 1. Cor. 6. 15-20, in which the expression of our physical love-passion in the joining of bodies outside the one to one of marriage is a special sin against God in His Self-embodiment in our humanity.

Therefore it is a fixed "law of the Spirit" which we acknowledge as a permanent given foundation to our human walk in the Spirit in which we are Christ manifested in our human physical forms that our bodies will never be given to a "one flesh" relationship with any but our individual mates. We affirm that to be the sacredness of our human bodies as His temples, and we both establish that as a permanent settlement in our own thinking and desiring, both as our normal fixed attitude to those of our other sex, and as our inner response to our human sex temptations (as in 2 Cor. 10. 5), and in the fixed confidence that the Keeping Spirit joined to our spirits will Himself totally keep us in this, fenced in to Himself, and if married, to our mates, with no gap in that fence.

Now once we have that settled, and any sex-infringement of it out of our consideration, and with our settled confidence in our Inner Keeper operating as us, we can now be free and bold in also recognising and accepting that our whole being not only spirit, but also soul and body are the "whole man" of us by which God manifests Himself, and thus all our soul capacities of our reasoning faculties and our emotional outpourings, and all our body capabilities in all their variety are His and ours in their full uses, and that includes our natural sexuality which on the physical level draws us to each other by an unending drawing (and that can include the homosexual as well as the hetero), and with sex drawings such a dominating given reality in our lives, we are now free and without fear in expressing our love on a body level as part of our means of being lovers. The Bible says "Greet one another with a holy kiss"! "They all fell on Paul's neck and kissed him". John leaning on Jesus' breast. This is the type of freedom we enjoy in our "Union Life" family, helping by our expressions of affection to open hesitant folks to the realisation that they are loved and that God loves them. I have just done this freely, as you know, darling, and we have to say that forging a love bond in freedom has led on to the fixed inner discovery of the eternal love-bond with The Lover. But always the

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hidden basis to it has been that the mutual sure knowing that our love expressed by the one to the other had nothing to do with the sex-aim which is taken for granted as the ultimate objective of any man-woman expressions of love in the world.

According to Heb.4.12, we have come, by the inner illumination of the word of the Spirit, to have a clear differentiation between soul-love and spirit-love. Soul-love is the movings of our outer emotions, which includes sex-drawings, and it is at that level we see ourselves as “safe” because at the point where they can lead on to physical body-arousings, it is a settled thing with us that that direction is a “No, No” for us. Even if some sudden passion took us, even to the point that in our own bodies we might think ourselves helpless to resist, because of our inner knowing of who we are, Christ in us as us, we know ourselves as “kept”, and we prove it. So we no longer walk in that old fear of our weak flesh selves (as in Rom. 7), but though weak, we are strong, and speak our word of faith with Paul, “for when I am weak, then am I strong”. And we are not fearful of the other one, because, should any sinful suggestion be made to us, we stand in the armour of God and speak our word of witness to our standing in Him.

We have soul-body responses, very much including sex, and we both recognise and are free to express our love on the outer soul-body level; but we know that who we really and eternally are is expressors of God as love, we love from our spirit-centre as other-lovers, and any outer expressions of love are merely outer, though pleasant!, symbols of what alone really excites and interests us, our mutual love-union in Christ as He, and loving Christ in each other, or maybe sharing Christ as He is to us with the other. We well know that all emotional expressions of love are merely fading and temporary, but maybe merely means of helping to get the inner heart opened one to another. Only His love in each other is our joy and lasting bond.

So I am saying that the key to our love-relationships with each other, and our freedom in them is first and fixedly to have it as our fixed basis of living that that sex-fulfillment is totally confined to our one to one love as husband and wife, as our outer human symbol of our eternal one to One union. But having that fixed both by our own acceptance of it and by the “faith of the Son of God” in us (Gal.2.20), we do also love to express our soul-body love to each other, equally in this mutual trust that each of us trust the Keeping Holy Spirit in each other, totally keeping us from misuse of sex, even though we might at

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times know sex-temptation and even admit it to each other; and also being mature in the Spirit so that we can each trust our mates in their personal love-contacts with one and another, because each is a "kept" person, being Christ in their body forms.

This about covers, darling, what comes to me to put on paper, but any further enlightenment or discussion among us will be all to the good. (I ought perhaps to add about my comment that this can include homo as well as hetero sex, because I know one lovely brother in Christ with whom I was an intimate co-worker for years who was really homo and often 'suspected' of it, but what it did was to make him a marvellous man in close links with boys and young men in bringing them to Christ and building them up in Him, being "kept" himself.

So all my love as ever,



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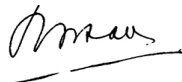
Aug.6.77

Betty darling,

Thank you for your loving remembrance - 82 human; ageless reality!!

Interesting you were at ARE. Of course my circles regard them as outside the pale, but you are right - the acid test is when Jesus is central. I find when various writers centre round the Impersonal, they are out of touch with the heart - the Bible is the final word - Trinity-Three Persons, and we in the Trinity!! Wow!

Ever loving you,



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Feb.11.

My dear Stewart,

Yours came thru to me here to-day. First of all I want again and continually to thank God for the preciousness of our living trusting fellowship, both in our attempts to present "the way of God more

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perfectly”, and in our practical co-operation in our heart’s desire to see the Holy Spirit in the fullness of His activity by us in WEC in all the dangers of having become a large organization as well as an organism. I love to hear what you say of this “keynote address” to British WEC (of which I had already heard exciting favourable comments, and your glorious “cutting edge” emphasis so well received, which is my supreme burden; at the same time I really laugh at the Spirit’s ‘daring’ by you that just when you are our I.S. you boldly present for publication these daily readings, when we know various Weccers wonder where I’ve wandered off to! The great point is that you have that larger spirit, (which CTS sought in vain with the printing of the DCD), of those who saw the greatness of what he was trying to put over and would not join those Isaiah said “make a man an offender for a word”. And we do that. Just got yesterday a pamphlet which treats us in Union Life as dangerous enemies with our “heresies”, and I have written the author that we really are brothers in Christ, and I think the Father will welcome us both on That Day! And in your glorious presentation to WEC of the total Holy Spirit pattern for which the WEC came into existence, I surely don’t want to say anything, when you all are giving me the privilege of a morning talk in Interconn II, (I only want to underline what the Spirit is saying by you), which could divert into dead letter controversy doctrinally.

Therefore, as concerns the Readings, of course what you wish goes thru, because as author you must be wholly happy with what you selected, and we will drop my alternative suggestion. Also I’m glad you like the forward. Maybe you yourself will also be writing some personal preface as the background to the reasons for your producing this. I’m sure that will be a necessary introduction.

While I’m at it, because we have this understanding spirit between us, I feel I can say one or two things about your comments on what you are asking not to be put in.

First, I see the full sense of your point that being daily readings, it doesn’t fit to leave one day’s reading needing the next to explain it. Good point.

But I would like to say that somehow we are desperately leaving folks with a horrible misrepresentation if it sounds as if by saying this truth is “total”, “Why do I ever sin”?! Our whole point is that because we humans express the nature of the Deity indwelling us, that is our normal expression. But while we live in a world of a rival Deity, we are

always open to his enticements: in our lost condition, the Holy Spirit “tempted” us back to God: in our new creation condition, Satan tempts us back to himself. We did respond totally to the Holy Spirit, and thru Calvary Christ replaced Satan in us. We are now constantly enticed by Satan (Jas. 1.14), & know in general how to exchange that enticement for Christ in and by us; but we can sin (v.15), and then move into I John 1.9 by grace.

No, the curious thing is that it is here precisely we differ from the holiness brethren. I will send you a reply I’ve just written to Ted Hegre, who kindly wrote, because it hits the very spot. If we humans have a nature spoiled by sin, then sanctified by a second work of Grace, then how do we sin again without becoming unsanctified? That is why they are accused of “sinless perfection”. But we are saying that we in our humanity can respond, because it was not a change in us which took place, but in the Indwelling one in us (Rom.8.9 in place of 7.17). Then I grant you the way of saying “as us” does raise questions such as you say, implying “obliteration”. But we might say Jesus saying “Ye are the light of the world” is about the same, when we are in reality only lamps manifesting the light. And such phrases as “ye bear fruit”, when it is the Vine’s fruit manifested in us the branches etc. And our main point is, as you know it well enough among our Weccers, and far more so among millions of believers, they stumble along in maintaining an abiding relationship as two related to each other, and it is only those in whom there has been the revelation of a fixed inner union consciousness, who freely say and act as spontaneous Christ-expressors – the “abiding” being merely a recognition of an experienced fact. Paul again says it, “I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me”. He admittedly kind of contradicts himself when he adds “liveth in me” when he had just said “yet not I”: but that is just the almost impossibility of expressing a paradox; and we in “union life” move more strongly over to the emphasis that we are He in our form, He as us; for then we are equally spontaneous in us “having the mind of Christ”, and we willing and doing because it is He willing and doing in us. I know it is a fine point, and open to question; but we see the whole Bible full of men, and finally Jesus Himself when The Dove had entered Him, speaking and acting as speaking the words of God (Matt.10.20), and doing the deeds of God (John 5:17,19). And as for saying “we spontaneously operate Him”, again it may be a clumsy effort for saying that “we have the faith of God” (Mark 11:22); and what else is it if we say to a mountain “Be thou removed” etc. We are operating as

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God, He at our disposal! Again maybe too crudely said, like DCD! And here is my urge, Stewart, just as yours is in your terms, that recall our Weccers to that daring solid attitude and action which caused Caleb to say "we are well able", and Elijah "no dew or rain but according to my word", and Peter "such as I have give I thee". You know this well enough, but it is the root source of our "extreme position" in Union Life, and we can but glory in it.

You know I'm not saying this to bring any influence to bear on you, I just delight in our spirit-co-operation, but just to comment on those points which you raise. And indeed the same about using the illustration of our profession. I am not referring to its continuity but to that undoubted fact that we humans are empty at that level, commit ourselves to obtain what we have not got (medical, language, what not); experience an inner "take-over" by that particular know-how, and then we come back in full action from being like empty vessel as we started, to be an active person in full human action.

I see your point on the phrase about bringing Him to humans who are redeemed, but don't know it. A better phrasing would be good. I've always had careful revisers of my wild sayings!!!

Well, I just write this, though we are agreed in not inserting these passages, but just to share with you personally areas which have not meant to you what we mean, and in the joy of mutual sharing, though I'm asking a lot in your present big schedule to spare time to read through.

I'll pass the Forward with your correction to Kath.
ever with my love,



Dec. 10.83

My dear Stewart,

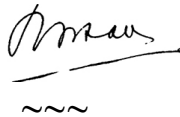
I arrived back yesterday from this grand three months on the road, and here was yours of Dec.2, and as you can imagine it has taken priority of a huge awaiting pile! I am just thrilled with it, above all because it surely is (in our terminology!) Christ in His Stewart form, when after all your labours you quietly offer to hand the whole thing

over to me and drop your name out. Hardly likely!! I have had the greatest admiration of you and praising God for the great grace in you which should have caused you to spend these hours and boldly announce you are bringing out extracts of the books and tell the whole WEC, when you are the new I.S., just when you know that with some I am by no means persona grata, but mourn my spiritual declension!! I have only been thrilled that the Holy Spirit should have “thrust” you into that - that, at least, was not the outcome of “moral responsibility”, but divine compulsion!! Which of course is really the core of what I am trying to say. We have choice, but almost can’t help ourselves - the eternal paradox! “The lust of your Father” we did, and now “the fruit of the Spirit”! And we “caused” to walk in His ways (Ezekiel 36!). So I guess we almost say the same thing, though I use the term “nature” knowing no better one; and the liberation is enormous among folks when they can realize that our humanity has never been at fault, for God makes only perfect things and thus we “made” (way beyond imputed) the righteousness of God in Him! So I still wish we could sit down and talk it over, and will yet hope for that. You see it makes me mourn over the kind of hesitation tone I note in the WECCER just received in comments on Intercon II, which almost seems more concerned over us bemoaning our weaknesses than positive glorying in that we are always triumphing in Christ (as in 2Corinthians.2:14), and reaching delightedly for recognizing that you all meet in the present fullness and power of Christ, to glory in Him as us, and boldly move on to see what new stretches of faith you are certainly going on to, to place the sole of your feet on (as CT said, “Thank God I have large feet”!). I would much rather catch that ringing sound of marching right on, as God gave us in 1931 onwards; and you see that is what we find folks catch on to (or are caught into) when that great light is lit. That was why I hesitated, but deliberately called the last book YES I AM rather than “Yes, Christ Is” because the whole end of God’s saving purposes in and as us is that WE now act as God, in all things more than conquerors. You see, Stewart, we really say the same thing, but this liberation from foot-dragging about our failing human selves. And of course there is “moral responsibility”, but mainly just BEING! So I will gladly and appreciatively look over the MS, as really I have said the same thing all these years since Galatians 2:20 lit up to me 59 years ago; though how I now put it gives a sharper and much more understandable and acceptable form.

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So thank you for writing in your super-busy life. I note what you say about "Total Truth", and again I realize the shivers it may cause. I use it constantly over here, without apparent offense. I hand it on from Paul's own words "to fulfill the word of God", to "present every man perfect" or "complete in Christ". You may be right that it is better left out of the kind of "declaration" we are preparing for the Mag. I will mention this to Bill, lest it causes too sharp shocks, but Colossians 1:24-28 IS "total" to Paul and us, in my way of seeing it!

My much love,



Jan.15.86

Dear Dieter,

Thank you for your excellent letter just come. It seems to me that you are being 'sealed' of God as HIS disseminator of what I like to call our "Total Truth" in Germany and Europe. I am sure Dan is right in saying it is the TWENTIETH CENTURY REFORMATION. The reason is before our era and such men as Freud (tho an atheist), the church in general was not investigating or seeking to discover the true meaning of the "self". Now that day has come and all psychology centres round self-activity (but with the lie at its base when the "self" has not started at the Cross). I dig into that in the YES I AM book. That little KEY is precious and goes out in thousands. Of course translate and print anything you are led to do.

Yes, I know Ian Thomas, has a good ministry way beyond the normal evangelical, but there is a final total "leap" which very few see or accept, even among victorious life teachers and writers, and that is this 'no human nature' but only formerly Satan as us, and now thru Calvary Christ as us. This is our RADICAL basic truth of our "reformation". But it is bound also to be met with opposition. It was the "believers" of those days, not the pagan Romans, who crucified the GIVER OF TOTAL TRUTH. And so to-day. Many great teachers and writers come up near to the edge, but that FINAL leap of faith (as my loved Kierkegaard called it) is still rare and the life is ONLY self in satan form or self in Christ form, and no intervening independent human self. That's THE revelation.

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No, Bill Bright of CC is great, but does not accept this “total” of the
natures, nor even my loved InterVarsity which the Lord led me to found
in 1919 when at Cambridge. Great world witness but not on this level.

My love in Christ and will be glad to hear from you again.

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I am being so blessed as I comprehend something of the “all-outness” of the man, and his capacity not only for broad missionary strategy, but his concern for individuals. Stewart Dinnen...WEC International

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When I first met him I was soon told to use “Norman” and not “Mr. Grubb”. He said that if Jesus didn’t mind us calling him by His first name, he (Norman) wasn’t going to do so!

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It was his gentle life and spirit possessed soul that drew us into the Life he represented.

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Your letter...certainly exhibits your mastery of the attractive art of seeing your geese as swans! May God continue to bless and use you both in these beautiful sunset years that will soon see sunrise.

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March 1, 1960

Dear Francis:

Very good to hear from you. I heard from Joan that you had moved. I had hoped to be over in England this Spring, but I had to cancel the West African tour which would have ended in England, as they wanted me to carry on with the work here. But maybe, God willing, we shall be over for a Leaders' Conference in 1961. If so, I must be sure to see you.

What God has made so clear to me, and what gives such a basic place of relaxation, is that He actually lives His own life in me. That means that it is not I that love Him, but that He loves Himself in and through me. If I try to love Him, I am done. If I relax back, and recognize Him who is love living in me, then His own love just swells up in me, the love with which He loves Himself. And the same in every other respect. Whether it is wisdom or power or holiness or anything. It is a wonderful release to know that He expects nothing from me except the simple act of recognition that He is who He is in me. Even the ability to recognise Him is really again He recognizing Himself in me.

I find so many people over here living in condemnation. They feel their weakness, fears, reactions, resentments, passions, etc.; and they haven't realized that they were made like that as humans. To feel such things is not wrong, but it is merely human. The only wrong in us was the spirit of self-love (Satan), who used to live in us, united to us and motivated us. He used our faculties and appetites for self loving ends. But that was all finished in our identification with Jesus in His cross and resurrection, and in place of the self-loving spirit there has come to us the self-giving Spirit. We just remain a bundle of human capabilities, appetites and faculties, but thank God, now the motivating Spirit within is that He should express Himself through them. Often we get pulled the other way, into the illusion of our separate independent self, and back we are in Romans 7; but thank God we can get back in seconds through the Blood, and live in Romans 8. Wonderful relaxed, yet dynamic life. Rejoicing in our weakness, rejoicing in His strength.

The Lord bless you and Betty. I have had great refreshment in ministry here in the many, many open doors. But He is the same refreshing stream in whatever place He lives in us. Thank God. My love



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to you both, and thanking God for your faithful fellowship through the years.

Ever yours,



March 4, 1961

Dear Mrs. Collier:

Thank you for opening your heart to me though I do wish you had felt free to do so, when we could really have got down to things face to face. However, the Lord will use our correspondence instead.

The point is that you have got to get clean off yourself, your regrets for the past, your questionings about whether you care or have love for this or that. The great lesson God has brought all this about to teach you is that there is no improvement to be expected in ourselves. You are just looking in the wrong direction. We are only the weak and empty containers, and we are open to every human variability of likes and dislikes, feelings, etc. HE is the One whom we contain. HE is the all in us (Col. 3:11).

So what you have to do is to release to Him all the past, and leave it all with Him, and refuse to let your mind keep going back over it. For whatever you did wrong in the past, don't take any further condemnation, but boldly trust in the complete cleansing of the blood of Jesus, which means God has forgotten the sins through Christ and so you can too.

As for any mistakes you feel you have made in the past, well, boldly leave them with God and believe that He is the one who brings good out of evil, and one good He is bringing is to teach you through this to turn away from your weak failing self (and we are all the same), and to fix your heart and faith on Him only in you.

Now as to your friend, equally don't condemn yourself because you may now feel that you have not love toward her. Your human love is no good anyhow and God doesn't want it. But learn from this that the God who is love is in you, and just take it by faith, whether you feel or not, that HE loves your friend through you. Just keep believing and affirming that. I wouldn't go out of your way to try and reach her.

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Perhaps God does not want that at present. Just keep walking in love towards her by faith and leave it at that, unless God shows otherwise.

The same with your unsaved children. Release them to God. Take it in faith that He is working in them and will save them. Walk by faith in this also, and don't allow self condemnation about whether you have failed them or not.

Now I think that's all. You may not see this at once, so be free to write again to me, and we can go on having fellowship about it. Don't fear to take my time on such an important matter. Anyhow write me, because I want to know what God is showing you.

I will also send copy of a little pamphlet, "The Key" which might be a help.

God will open your eyes to Himself,

Yours in Him,



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Box A
Ft. Washington, Pa.
April 4, 1961

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter and for opening your heart.

By one means or another God always has to get us to the bottom of ourselves. It isn't our old self which is the trouble, but the new self, which as you say, tries to handle things. Instead of immediately recognizing Christ is now the real Self in us. So in your case God has taken you what appears to be this "hard way".

I think the first thing is to be completely in the open, as you have been with me in this letter. You do not make it clear what you mean by moving over to the Baptists. Does that mean that you will think of going to some training College and move over to an independent Baptist church? Do your folks or the authorities know that you plan such a move? That is the next point you should get clear. When you know that God is leading you straight away to some further training or to a Baptist church, then you can come into the open about your financial position. If you are moving, you can tell those to whom you are going just how

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things stand, and you can then find out whether they are willing to go ahead and look to the Lord in due course to relieve you of the debt, or whether they would expect you to clear them first before you go out. When you have got your groundwork clear like that, then you can bring your needs definitely to the Lord for deliverance. You may have to stay where you are till they are clear, then I do not see why you cannot openly tell those to whom you minister that you have got into these difficulties through the course of your ministry, and definitely ask them to stand with you in prayer for your deliverance. What I mean by your getting into the open, get your lines clear and find out where and how soon you have to have the financial deliverance, total up what is the exact sum, then those who are concerned with you can be in prayer with you for deliverance.

Do not take condemnation from this. God Himself is in all these things. He is going to bring you through to deliverance but He has brought you first of all to a place where you can do nothing for yourself. That is good. Praise the Lord and go forward now, getting clear what shall be your next steps.

I am glad you have written to me, and I hope you will follow it with a further letter as to how the Lord is leading. I go to England in mid-April for three months, but your letter would be forwarded to me. My love in Christ to both you and to Peggy. I remember well that at one time I met her and you.

Ever yours in Christ,



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Box 245  
East Islip L.I.  
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Aug.6.63

Beloved Lois,

Thank you for your letter of to-day. Precious to have the sharing. I have walked those same ways as you, so they are familiar ground. I

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have had to fight and stand against inordinate affection inch by inch till the Lord delivered. I have to be kept just like you or I could be attracted any time. Women are a natural attraction to me. I believe I have learned my lesson not to be caught that way again, like you also; but it can only always be the keeping power of God. But on that basis I daringly go free and God can take the natural attractions and use them as open doors to hearts for spiritual deliverances. God's wonderful ways. This life is a continuous glorious risk, but we dare it for Christ and in Christ! And as you find also, God uses these human stresses to force and fix us in Himself Alone. More and more I find only one Person in the universe: He in all (though the unredeemed don't know Him there): we in Him as He in us: therefore we in all: and life is love, which is God living His life in and for others so that they are His real self: and we are now love (in the unity) and therefore we really live by living in others, taking their place, identifying with them as best we can, they being our real self - love your neighbour (not brother) as being yourself.

I was intrigued about Irl helping you thru. First one helps the other, then the other the one! How God has built you up together in Himself. Wish we could have a talk; but things don't look hopeful. I have so tied my program that I hardly have any time at home till mid-Nov. But I love the fellowship, heart to heart and person to person, and shall look for it. Even if I am away, spare an occasional letter.

ever very lovingly,



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Dec. 23.65

Dear Bill and Ann,

Have I got to remain Mr. while you are B. & A. to me? Not good enough! Thank you, beloved friends, for yours.

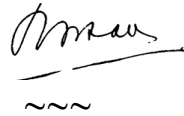
Of course you didn't talk too much - you can't, when it is the riches of the Spirit we are sharing. A joke!

Yes, that's the glorious truth about accepting each other's unlikeness to ourselves. The God of variety. What fun - whether in flowers, vegetables, animals or people!

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I laughed about the feet of clay, because you surely only saw the parings of one toenail if all you saw was a missing reference! Come closer and see much more!! Yes we all have to come crashing down, but I don't think it's wrong starting with seeing more of a person - it's the stepping stone. "Follow me as I follow Christ"!

Let's hear again soon from you. Your kind of letter good to get! Love to you both and to the dear friends with you,
ever affectionately,



November 3, 1967

Darling Daughter,

Your letter to-day is overwhelming. You are a totally different person. Gone the old Alice (though she was ever precious to me), disturbed about this, hurt by that, questioning that. Darling, it is no longer the well in you springing up, but the rivers flowing out. Aren't I THRILLED! Didn't John say he had no greater joy than to hear his children were walking in the truth! Such a hug I give you, darling. Our many many times together were not wasted indeed, though I must confess that even if there was not yet this marvellous outcome, I just plain loved being with my daughter, and I told you, you always fed me as you poured out. And really these pourings out were God gradually settling, fixing you in Himself in you. What liberation, and what accepting of your own self, instead of that dreadful old condemning and inferiority, that you are now so able to pass to others. Just a marvellous letter from an altogether precious daughter.

And fancy you yourself now beginning to be occupied in ministering by letters to folks. That thrills me also. Few have that, at least when they are younger like you. Darling, I don't like to say this, because your letters are meat and drink to me, but it is more important that you should give first place to writing to those who need your ministry than even to your hungry father. So if it is a choice, cut me out rather than them, See??

And there is so much, so much in your letter which sets all the bells ringing. Beautiful this love-ministry of Len. You have evidently got

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close in heart with him, and it seems to be meaning a new love-bond in the church fellowship overflowing that old clique business; and it has meant for you a new reaching in to loving acceptance of them, which has prepared the way for their acceptance of you and the others.

Dear, do just what you like about my coming (our, because I hope Pauline is coming too). I don't at all mean that I won't be in a church building. No indeed. I only wanted to be where there would be a spirit of acceptance and freedom, not formality; but if the pastor wants it, and you know there are folks and more than would get into the house, ok with me. Just be perfectly free to plan as God leads.

May be going south to write in mid Nov at my friends in Selma, but meanwhile here. I love you, and how I thank God for Himself in you, The Real You.

ever your deeply loving and rejoicing father,



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Jan.22.71

Darling,

Your letter is overwhelming. It radiates like a midday sun. I have had lovely lovely letters from you, but never, I think, one to equal this. How I love you, precious. Is there any other who has so caught on to the total liberty in Christ, as you have, so that your very flesh and its affections are a living sacrifice by which Christ can reach all sorts; and now it is rubbing off on your husband. This is great great news, darling-greatest of all, because I could see in him that restraint (which we all have till the light comes) because we are afraid of ourselves and to "let ourselves go", thinking that flesh is some evil thing which can sweep us away. But when suddenly it dawns on us that our flesh is His agency of revelation (God manifest in the flesh!), and that because it is HIS agency, He will do any keeping from going too far, then we are free just to be ourselves. And it looks as if this has just happened as you led your husband on to be himself with Ann, and out of that daringly expressed human love comes the opening of Ann's heart and tears and Jesus. Yet it couldn't be unless you trusted the Holy Spirit in him with another woman (which world and flesh can never do), just as he has trusted the

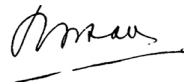
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Holy Spirit in you, and my precious Pauline in me; and we have learned freedom together, haven't we. How I love you, darling, you have leapt on in the Spirit. You have the "hinds feet that walk on high places" that Habakkuk talks about!

Yes, it is hard to get this "inordinate affection" into perspective; then we are not afraid, then we don't mistake it for the fixed bonds of our mated love, and can turn it into attitudes of faith for Christ being fulfilled in that other life.

Yes, darling, darling, this is no confusion. Madness, yes. Paul was beside himself - your Alice self really God's self in His Alice form. Eternal unity.

All my love,

  
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May 31.71

My dear Bill,

You write glorious letters. My heart was stirred when I got this one on tour, but I refrained from writing till I got back now to my machine - to save you decoding!

But now we echo back to each other which I think is true fellowship. Yet I find an increasing and thrilling maturity in you, if it is not presumption to say so. I love, of course your emphasis on all there is "being we as He". I think you are meaning that we cannot separate a person from his "teaching". Therefore what another person can only truly give is what may have first come through a particular person (and that even includes the writers of the Bible), but has taken living form in Himself as some freshness of recognition of Him in us and thus thru us. So we are not then passing on the teachings of some man, but (though it may partly have come as a projection of Christ thru some man) it has now become Christ to me and in me and thus thru me. Right? This is what Kierkegaard so stressed and I picked up from him - what he called "indirect communication" - that we should so share what we have got (which of course is really Christ through our human form) that we never make "disciples"; but rather just give others a chance to pick up something from God direct to them thru what we are sharing; and then what they get is merely an increase of the understanding of their living

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union with Him, not with us. Good! And that is why I always tell folks, Don't say in your talks, "As so and so said". If what you got from so & so was a word from God to you, it is now what you have got and what Christ is in your human form and through your understanding. So cut the man-references out. I think that's what I get from what you say- and it is good, and thus fits my instinctive response to those folks who suggest carrying on "my teaching" but you put it well in plain words.

There is going on a tremendous work among youth here, including among youth of affluent homes. I have had some good contacts. Maybe you saw about it in Life Mag of May 14. But I have also seen a danger. They are largely in the hands of a man with a teaching centre in Ohio, and he majors on two phrases, "The Way and The Word". But I think he is running these kids into a system which will dry up on them when "Way and Word" are more to them than just Jesus. Right?

Then you on your "holy independence". Again you know how I am with you; but I make one addition. It does seem as if usually we are put by God to work in some sort of team fashion - Jesus and His disciples, Paul and His gang, local churches, etc. So as a rule there is a place for some amount of a co-working system. Now CTS was just as you say, a 100% independent, and he sought to give us all that same right on the field; and really they threw him out of WEC in 1931 (and Pauline and I were honoured to be the other two dismissed with him) because they couldn't stand the stiff breezes of that "wind blowing where it lists". And we have tried to build WEC with that same breath of independence. We have been successful to a point, and I think you are right in saying you (or I) would rather be in WEC than elsewhere if I am to be in a "mission". We have dangers always and now of too tight a grip taking hold and I am a constant thorn among them on this line. No, I'm with WEC, though they raised my doctrines, and I told them in no uncompromising words that I wasn't going to change an iota of what God has given me to share, and that I was ashamed of them, but still loved them as ever and am for ever part of them. So I retain the breath of liberty inside WEC.

I like your "liberty is limitation"!

Much love to you both; let's hear again,



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Sept.22.72

Darling,

Just a line of "Thank you" again! It was so good as always just to pour out our hearts and share together, as ever. There was that old dragon of self-condemnation raising its head again, but I think we saw together that boldly praising God for the ways HE has taken us, even if we are tempted to see some of it as flesh. We daringly leave that with God, refuse regrets or condemnation, because He knows and we know we have only one interest and objective - to share Christ; and we pursue our way in faith and praise that HE is on the job of completing what He has given us a share in beginning in the various ones. So, love, keep only on the praising level for all the past as being ways He took us and meant us to go; and we go on freely in the present and into the future with no human aims or standards or hopes or resolutions which are only forms of self-effort. We are spontaneous! So thank you, darling, you poured out to me and blessed me as ever.

God has given you such a loving and outgoing ministry, sweetheart. It is glorious. No room for lookings back in self-condemnation, only marvel at the ways He is taking us on. And thank God for your precious relationship with your husband and that he steadily backs you and participates in all this, none of which would be possible without his self-giving life behind it.

Don't get into bondage about writing or not writing. Just be yourself which is He-you, and don't get forcing yourself to write when God is not pushing you in that direction.

Big big hug and kisses, darling

Your privileged papa,



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Jan.22.75

My dear Lanny,

It's good to hear from you to-day. There's always such a warmth and reality about what you say.

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My first reactions, of course, are indignation, and even contempt, at your church fellowship and pastor acting like this towards you. But of course I really see as you do when you say you are rejoicing, because it is clear evidence that you do speak by the Spirit with a cutting edge for all the folks who love the umbrella of some law to bolster them in their self-condemnations, but with what is the strong tower of the Spirit to those who want to get clear of their unsatisfying halfbaked faith, and who would “run into it and be safe”! So you are right – it is a joy and seal of the Spirit, and I like it when you say you have not spoken with an uncertain voice when asked. Liberating faith seems offensive pride (see Eliab in I Sam. 17.28) to those who want to hang on to uncrucified self!

It is always a shock when we come up against so-called Bible believers who are putting convenient Bible interpretations before inner Spirit-fact. But my joy, of course, Lanny, is to see it is only strengthening and confirming you, not shaking or moving you, and therefore is God’s good way for you. I know you will continue to speak out in freedom when so led or questioned or challenged. I am tempted to say, “Why continue in a fellowship who right out reject the light that comes thru you either on the deacon board, or still more significant on the adult teaching level?” But I mustn’t say that unless or until the Lord gives you a move. You are right to walk right on – the meek inherit, and you have an inheritance in the Spirit coming to you in those whom you can help and enlighten. Quite obviously your present pastor would not allow a wolf like me around his (actually starving) flock, like the former one did!

With the girl in the office, God has put you with and over her to practice the boldness of recognizing yourself as God in your situation. As these thoughts of what others think of you or how they are watching you press in on you, keep replacing them by seeing yourself as the one by whom God is manifesting Himself, no matter what you may think others see. You ARE His light, and remember light does not see itself; it just shines and it is others who see it. And you ARE that light, no matter how much self-conscious self may make you think you are not. Don’t even think about how you are to act or handle this girl, just BE YOURSELF each day, without forethinking of how you will act or what you say. Live by the day, and then God turns the “Evil” of what comes that day into ways of revealing Himself by you. So praise, and dare enjoy being yourself and take no condemnation whatever you say or do,

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no matter how much you may be tempted to condemn yourself. Should like to know more too of how you progress with her!

Ever lovingly,



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Oct. 30.76

Dear Ray,

Glad to hear from you again. I shall be hoping to see you and Jan when I come for the Jackson FAW again and before it stay two days with friends. So I ought to catch you somewhere, even if you flee the conference again!!!

Ray, depressions and self-condemnation are soul-reactions - you know that! Their purpose (as of all trials which James says we are to count "all joy") are to give us practice in the replacement of faith - soul-illusion by spirit-fact. You know that! And we never get thru until our eyes are opened to the root of all that illusion being the false concept of the possibility of self-improvement (Rom.7!), and thus constant self-condemnation when we don't improve! So, Ray, your letter is full of condemnation for slipping into the "rut" of "trying" to be something.

But your only deliverance is, first in the having entered once for all into the fixed fact of Gal.2.20 by some definite transaction of faith never to be repeated. (I would take it you have done that, though I don't know I have ever actually heard you say so.) Then, on that basis, continuing in the walk of faith. This is the order given us by Paul of being out of Ro.7 self-effort by the crisis of the given fact appropriated of Rom.8.2, followed by the emphasis on the walk in the Spirit, not the flesh of 8.4-10.

And "walk" means only step by step, just the present tense of "now" and no other. We can't walk two steps at once! Then, if entering into that crisis of the fixed fact of being Christ in my human form, I had equally realised that no self-improvement will ever come in my unchanging human vessel, in my daily walk when I am constantly tempted to be back in various flesh self-reactions, I do not condemn my self, but regard them as mere temptations to respond as if I am in the illusion again of Rom.7 self-effort (or recognizing a sin as no longer there in

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the fact of the Blood, if I have slipped from temptation into a sin); but I replace by the fact I have entered into, of who I really am now: thus not of hopefully talking about being "led into the fullness of His rest" (as you do in this letter), but of immediate affirmation that HE is my rest (Heb.4 says nothing keeps us out but the emptiness of unbelief! 4:11).

And this is done just on the immediate condition of the present tense - the NOW of the walk. So you see there is nothing for you to enter into, Ray, or have some subtle dross removed, as you mention. If you have had that crisis, you eternally ARE Christ in you, you boldly affirm it, you refuse to take note of the appearances on the feeling level of self-failures; and you do that on the moment by moment "walk" level of Rom.8.4 following 8.2! And what you boldly affirm, and publicly, is inwardly confirmed, because faith declared is its own witness (I John 5.10).

So I am glad you have written. Let me hear again how the Spirit settles you into this glorious fixation. (I Pet.5.10)

With my continued love,



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Sept.27.77

Marian darling,

What a marvellous beautiful letter - what a gem of Jesus' word - "if the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed". I don't know when I have received such a "total" letter, my darling.

This is beautiful, my darling. And you can imagine what it means to me when by the same mail come rejections - such as a leading pastor on the West Coast, who has been a friend for years since I first was with him when he started with a small group (now thousands), who now rejects us and won't open his folk to us on our coming visit (leaving several days blank which the Lord will fill up perfectly as usual) because we are now "dangerous" and Union Life unbalanced. And then I get by the same mail this from you - pure, pure maturity in that single eye becoming a fixture in my Marian. I shall have to share this with others, darling, it is too rich to pile up in a drawer. I have just received a letter from our precious Genny full of the negative 'suffering' of her present

condition (of course because she sees it like that!) though she ends up by her word of faith, "I know who I am - God!" in a final outburst like the Psalmist who constantly pours out his woes then ends "Yet will I praise the Lord". So I think I will let her have a glimpse of yours.

Because you, darling, have now so marvellously gone beyond the being torn up and then adding a little repair work in the last sentence! You are saying by inner experience the very things we say, and are often to hearers as those that mock - or blaspheme! I love it, darling - these two great things - first that you had to go thru the stage of doing your best not to forget, and now delighting in forgetting because you ARE. How rarely someone puts that in writing as you do here - and with that "laughter of God"!

And second your humanly painful but truly rejoicing detachment from your and our precious Ray. That is WONDERFUL AND GLORIOUS. Yes, all have to come that way - no two gods! Beautiful - and here is my Palo Alto friend rejecting us as dangerous because we are "pantheists" which actually of course meaning having more than one god; and in actual fact what God has revealed to us in "union life" and you are now saying is the precise opposite. You had two gods, but now ONLY ONE!!! And I'm so thankful that you've taken time and indeed had that freedom with the Spirit flowing thru your pen to share this with me.

And our perfect God of love who has to take us the painful severing way to unite us only to Himself (and then we discover when we have only Him we have all our loved ones back and all the human family!!), and so it is pain and perhaps at first frightening and resentment for our Ray when he finds you different. I could see of course by his honest sharing that the tunnel is still dark, but it is only a tunnel with the light at the other end, and not a cave with no opening! So Ray is also perfect in Him, and will also become settled in my favourite I Pet.5.10, as my Marian now has!!

So thank you, my precious for putting such gems onto paper for me (and others) - in such maturity in the Spirit. When you can still be free to write me further, and as God now takes Ray equally beautifully thru the tunnel, both in spirit and in whatever his practical life is now to be, I will love to hear from you. It is just as if you have come alive to me darling, right in that inner circle where God has given me such precious ones. Glory. So often it is my privilege to be writing to dear ones on problems, still finding their way thru the tunnel, but yours needs no

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such writing, because we are walking, running, flying together in the full sunlight on the other side. See Isaiah 40.31

Loving you and hugging you with such a hug, my new lover-sister in my inner circle.



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June 9.79

My sweet precious Marian,

What a MARVELLOUS letter, the Spirit speaking straight thru His Marian form. Don't know when I have had such a perfect one. My darling, how the Lord knows His own timetable. I didn't know you were not "settled" in the single eye out beyond yourself into Ray and all. But GOD knows how gently to "lead those that are with young" (Isaiah 40.11), you, my precious, travailing till this final perfect Reality has been birthed by you!

Yes, you gloriously have it in perfect focus now, my sweet. We are Christ in our spirit-union (the paradox even there of being a "union" of He-me; yet in my inner consciousness it is HE as me, and in my daily living it is I in action, though really He!!). But, how right you are that our "flesh" - soul-body is His beautiful agent, yet also remaining responsive as part of our human environment open to and caught up by all negative reactions, always on the temptation level, and sometimes on the sins-committed level!

And you've now seen a marvellous thing, my love, in being able, now once for all, to see not only yourself, but your Ray, and then stretching on to all the human family as Christ in their inner spirit-being. Yes, indeed, this is permanent heavenly "seeing" and liberation, and you so clearly putting like Job, all the negative beautiful love-situations as God's necessary dark areas by which alone the light can shine and do its swallowing up work.

You've just put it as perfectly as it can be put, darling. GOD has put you into the "elect" club, who totally see, and their numbers are enlarging; yet only God knows when anyone has received His membership card! It is not in a moment. I would have thought that you have "known" some time, and yet this "knowing" being stretched to

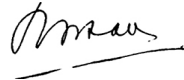
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include not only self-knowing (because you had that) but other-knowing, first your husband then all, is the major third stride I talk about in my "Once Caught" book, in the knowing you and I (and some of our precious ones) have that, turns God Personal to God Universal, and evil as His necessary agent. Beautiful. Welcome into the Club, my darling!

And now you will live with us all in 2 Corinthians 4.7-12, which is Paul in his intercession letter. Always moving from "earthen vessel" reactions as necessary background to replacement by "true seeing" in verses 8-11, and then "life" involuntarily working out its perfect work. The rivers of John 7.38 are flowing, my precious!

And as you say all is PERFECT with Ray, both in himself and God's present outward ways with him.

Just loving you, my darling,

  
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Ap.18.81

Betty darling,

Fancy you getting those tapes. That's deep calling unto deep when you listen to them!!

So glad, darling, those Continuous Revivals were a living word to some. Don't know about being a modern saint, but I have an Everlasting Sanctifier who manifests Himself thru common clay - like Betty and me!!

Ever loving you and hugging you at a distance!



Just had another letter from Ellen. She is lifted into another world by her readings of Lanyon's LAUGHTER OF GOD. I'm so thrilled and it will touch her bodily sufferings too.

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Sept.2.81

Joan dearest

I was just thinking of you a day or two ago and wondering if I should see you and hoping I will! Now yours comes, dearest, and this

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surely means, doesn't it, that you will "make it" so that we can be together??!!

Love, I'm so glad the Spirit in His love faithfulness is taking you thru all these soul-hell times. There is no other way thru for any of us except via hell to heaven, because to be safe and usable sons to so many other drowning ones, we have to have gone to the bottom of soul-self before we can safely be established in our true Spirit-heaven.

And you know you are there, darling, as you repeat several times in your precious letter. But somehow yet you do not discern or anyhow plainly differentiate between soul-reactions and Spirit reality.

At present it "seems" with you to be much more your holding on to who you are by faith than the fixed consciousness of HIM, not holding on to you, but BEING you as in Galatians 2.20. That consciousness can only be from Him in you (as in 1 John 5.10), and He IS so witnessing in you all the time, but you somehow still want to have some kind of "feeling" that He is. He won't give you that, darling, or it would for ever settle you in a building of sand. So while HE knows that you must have what seems to you so long a settling period, then you are "cast on" Him just to keep affirming that fact.

Actually even the affirming is a snare for you, because it makes you question the times when you are or are not "affirming". But BEING is the fact. YOU ARE He in your Joan form, if all hell or all feelings and appearances or apparent slips seem to shout at you that you are not! Back to Psalms 139.8!

So these really are final travailing pains, my darling, leading to the birth of the fact of Galatians 4.19 in you. But actually it IS the fact, and He IS formed in you, and the travailing is really only illusion!

So you pass right away from such phrases as "drawing on that life". You don't draw - you BE! And all that soul-madness at God may recur anytime as you learn to accept your soul-reactions as assets in confirming to you, it is laughable to be God mad at God. Yes, you are a burning bush, but the burning is transformed into beautiful light realizing and shining for others! And that is not consumed! It is His fire transformed into His light!

Yes love, your soul-effort faith does go "out of the window" and is replaced by HIS believing of who He is in you - "faith of the Son of God". I'm glad you've written and we can share a little in your "loneliness",

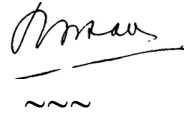
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but doesn't the fact that I've just been hoping I shall see you mean that I shall! Please!

Loving you,



Oct.7.81

Joan dearest,

How perfectly the Lord has to have the negative to highlight the positive. Your "cry" of your last letter has most valuably given us a new letter-link, dearest, and new refreshing recognitions of who we are! So I hope also it may mean an occasional repetition of our letter-sharing.

Yes, dear, I think the next point for the Spirit to settle into you is that we are always meant to be banged about outwardly (in soul emotions or reasonings, or body responses) by every kind of negative. Paul and James said "tribulations" or "temptations" work patience, and underline the word "Work". In other words it is the necessary negative which works the persistent re-recognition of who we really ARE into our consciousness - patience as best defined in Hebrews 11.27 as "enduring by seeing Him who is invisible".

So you see my point, dearest, - not to keep condemning yourself or being surprised that you find yourself always starting on the negative level. NECESSARY! So as in this letter, dearest, you keep keep keep repeating who you really always are! And that's all there is, only that we get more adept in the being able to point others to this same "way of perfection"!

And don't downgrade yourself as only knowing "so much in my mind". Your mind is you - and it is HIS mind. Keep minding your mind and the works just follow. Thought - word - deed - Father Son Spirit.

And so again & again, love, you don't want to be Jesus for others! YOU ARE!!! The ways HE comes out is not your affair. Light doesn't see itself, it merely IS - and that is its shining!!

Thank you, dear, so much also for enclosing this gift. That is good of you, and is another precious token to me of the Lord always supplying as of course He always IS the supplier. Thank you so much.

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Always loving you and delighting in HIM in you as you,



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April 12.82

Dear Bus, Marge

I thought you might like to have a look at this letter to an oldtime co-worker in WEC.

My dear,

I am not mentioning your name, except on the first copy of this to you, as I want to make use of our valuable correspondence to share with others both in WEC and my Union Life fellowship, without having to involve you personally.

What you have stirred me to consider yet further, as I often have done, if I can lay my hands on why Weccers, and others, find it difficult to see what we are seeking specially to share in what has been given the name of our "Union Life" message, which to some may seem only to say much that is already our experience in the Spirit, or to others to go dangerously beyond into some extremes or even heresy.

I would first say that in relation to us who are Weccers, I believe there is no company of God's co-laborours who start with our foundations more thoroughly established in the fullness of the gospel we preach in our personal lives in a living experience of such basic facts as Gal.4.19.

But I suggest that in our walk with God and ministry, we are more in the habit of regarding it as a relationship between two to be maintained than as an established one (as in 1 Cor.6.17): and this puts our emphasis on our abiding, keeping cleansed from sin, using all means to prevent apparent gaps between us. In the recent publications of letters in our "Weccer" on what to do about "dry times", not one of the fifteen or so replies said "I don't have them"!

But here is where what we are seeking to share stands out as different. We put the emphasis on our "being kept" - not in our keeping!

We think that the whole tone of the New Testament is on the positive. "Now are we the sons of God", "hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings" etc. And we boldly affirm that the basis to this is a fixed union as fact, as assuredly as Our Elder Brother was fixed as in John 14.10. The Vine has chosen us as His branches (John 15.16), and our abiding is "remaining" (Grk meaning of "abide") by recognizing the union! And a hundred other NT refs heading up in 1 John 4.17. And here is where we get into some trouble by therefore seeing ourselves as putting the emphasis on The Head expressing Himself thru His body members, the Vine thru His branches, and therefore we as Christ in our human forms, or human forms of Christ; and indeed some have thought we were saying we are Christ!!!! And perhaps phrases like that in the Mag have given that impression.

But why make extra of that? Isn't that what we all accept in our own terms? But we find the positive difference is that it centres our consciousness on Christ in us, really as us, Living His life (our life Col 3:4) by us, in the replacement sense of "I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me", He the thinking, willing, acting person in our form. He in us is more to us than we! I well remember the day the Spirit made that a fact to me about 58 years ago in Congo!!

But perhaps again many of us will say, "Yes, that's good news, but not new news to me"! But it is the next phase in which I think we easily come short. It is that the consequence of realizing Christ has totally accepted me brings me to a new acceptance of myself. And I think that is where there is a specialness in our message. It dawned on me, if I'm good enough for Christ, I'm good enough for myself! I accept myself. I therefore love myself, and I'll ever be myself. I'll not be cautiously fearful of my humanity. If He has taken on the keeping of me, He'll do the keeping! He chose me! He made me, Satan stole me, Jesus has regained me! In my coming book, called YES I AM, which I would like to get to any of you who would like a copy, I seek to explain in detail how our precious God-made humanity was stolen and misused by the spirit of error, though with our consent, and is now back in its True Owner's hands by His death and resurrection and His ascension which opened the way for Him to return to live His own life by us by His Spirit. But the present result I mean is to accept my tripartite self (of 1 Thess 5.23) and be myself in total free action in all its beautiful members, fearing

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nothing (1 John 4.7) and with that accompanying boldness, yet knowing with my laugh of faith, that it is really He, not I. Free!

And having a new concept of temptation as asset, not liability. If He was tempted in all points, we surely shall be. But He knew, as do we, temptation is our privilege as we remain in Satan's realm to rescue further brands, and therefore open to all his arrows of temptation. But they are not sin but just temporary diversions thru the human self which we accept, not resist as his right to shoot at us, and then replace by recognition of Him expressing Himself by us - good faith practicer precisely as James said in 1.1-4. So we don't live negatively temptation-minded, and still less, sin-minded (though always with the recourse to 1 John 1.9 if occasionally we follow a temptation thru). And in this is also included the great Hebrews word on soul and spirit in 4.9-12, and we don't mistake feelings of "separation" or lack or dryness etc. for any shadow on the Permanent Union. (That's why we say we never have dry periods!)

So now with ourselves in the forefront in inner and outer action (the third phase of Gal.2.20), we find it has two major effects on outer relationships. First to our brethren. If I know myself in fact by grace Christ expressing Himself by me, so it is equally true of my brother. I have to see my brother as he truly and always is. Therefore my sin (or temptation to it) is to major on the 'motes' in him, which means my 'beam' is my negative flesh-seeing of him. I am sure this is the only key to many rifts in fellowship. See only Christ in a person, that removes my beam. We all have motes, clay feet, but I must persistently see him as Christ, and God will fit the rest into place. I have been taking a long long time learning and practicing this.

Probably we all assent to that; but this further one is one of our principal keys to effective living - and I don't think many of us Weccers really see, accept or operate by it, and it is again a point on which we get into trouble. It is seeing Satan from the beginning as God's agent, and all evil conditions as "meant" by God. There are plenty of scriptures on that - dozens, and again I deal with them in this coming book. Gen.50.20, Acts 2.23 & 27.28. Jesus denied the reality of two powers. Only one, He said, though it includes Satan in action - John 19.10,11. Of course I can't go into detail in this letter, but it radically changes one's outlook and responses in every situation. Eph. 1.11. Life is full of

negative pressures on us, small & large, and we all know our negative reactions. But if we can always say “God meant that”, at once we have inner release and are on top, not underneath, (“reigning in life”). Aren’t the majority of our “breakdowns” because of negative seeing? When you know the principle of seeing God Only in everything, you can not only turn your own look but many others. And that is a central truth in what we seek to share. It surely changed my seeing!

And with that then, our boldness of faith action, as in Mark 11.23-26. We now act as Heb. 11.22. We use this “word of faith”. We in WEC do know something of this – Say, Say, Say, 11.23. This also is strong among us, and isn’t it a part of our unique WEC ministry to underline and boldly advocate it. We act as He!

Finally, we much embrace what the Spirit has taught us through Rees Howells of the basic principle of Intercession in its full meaning (far beyond “intercessory prayer”). I will say little of this here, as we in WEC are not ignorant of it. Doris Ruscoe of the Bible College is bringing out a further book on “Rees Howells Explains Intercession”. WE recognize this as the final fulfillment of our “apostleship”, and seek to lead all from little children, to young men, to fathers.

If you have had patience enough to run your eye through all this, you may say that we are covering much the same spiritual ground, but where then is the cutting edge which is giving new clarifying revelation to many and an increasing number are changed from frustration to liberation?

I think the answer, in so many who have grown up in the evangelical faith, is the almost universal situation – that the only life they knew has been as born again believers, to hope for a gradual spiritual growth by the practiced habits of prayer, Scripture reading, church going and activities, and always with responses to assaults in the flesh which carry guilt and condemnation, even with recourse to 1 John 1.9: and the general heavy weight of exhortation on fresh commitments, more devoted dedication and so on. And even the best taught regarding that Paul’s “Reckon yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin and alive unto God” as positional rather than attainable.

But the fixed certain reality of a total end to a self operated by indwelling sin (the spirit of error), and as totally that same self inwardly joined to the Spirit of truth, through the blood and body death and

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resurrection of the Saviour, and with no rival indweller, bringing with it the total inner consciousness by the Spirit's witness (1 John 5.10) of fearless freedom to be themselves, first of all seems too hopelessly "out of this world", or even too terrifyingly dangerous after years of soaking in the life of 'Live fearfully, carefully': and thus it meets with shock, caution, even opposition (Isn't that license??); and usually only after a period, the very hungry, who can't remain in the old bondages, are brought to see the amazement of this total faith, not works, reality, and the final "leap" of faith-affirmation, that "word of faith, by which they transfer all their shivering self-doubts into this given glorious Bible-attested fact of such words as Gal. 2.20; and they firmly say it of themselves, and usually such "dangerous" interpretations - that they are now themselves human forms of Christ, branches expressing that Vine, or Christ in their human forms; and usually it takes that bold sold-out word to being the "confessing with their mouths". And then the rest, such as we have outlined, followed in their lives, and they say, "There's nothing else! This is all there is!"

And I have now to say that among us who have gone to the farthest limits of our union relationship with Christ, as we in WEC, and have continued in them and in ministering our "heavenly" truth to others, yet I know for certain that we can be so settled in what has been our established reality, that we do not easily see there are, as to Paul's topline Ephesians, further "Eyes of understanding to be enlightened", and it often may be, as with me, in moving more totally into my Eternal Positive - Christ All in All, within me, without me, and loosening me from graveclothes of seeing negatively about myself, and then my brethren, and then that whole world which He came to save; and giving me a newfound freedom both to be myself, and to act authoritatively, as He, in positions of guidance and forward-moving faith and in that great wholeness of outlook which can constantly reverse first reactions and replace the seeing as evil for seeing as, if only Rom. 9.17 forms of His action. And I must say that we are able to join with Him who sits in the heavens and laughs, rather than shakes His head over enemy oppositions.

So thank you indeed, dear ones, if you have gone along with me in this long creed, and we see ourselves as we truly are - fellow soldiers fighting the one battle - "the good fight of faith", and loosened even

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to tell each other that we love each other beyond the normal ending of
"yours in the Crusade".

Lovingly,

Rumi- Muhammad

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My dear Warren,

Just back last night from our Alexandria weekend, excellent again with about 80 packed into the Tower House. Of course during it I was sharing you and your God-given vision and commission, and now this is part of our shared commission as what we call The Twentieth Century Reformation, giving "Completion" to the body of Christ, following on to Luther giving regeneration: and that you in your "Deeper Life Crusade" and we in "Union Life" are all parts of this. I am continually thrilled with The Spirit "commissioning" you like this.

I again agree with you that it would be good and best if we could meet. I took with me your magazine, and I see clearly from it that we, and I believe rightly, put the basic interchange to be not "out of Adam and into Christ", but out of Satan into Christ - from the "spirit of error" into the "Spirit of truth" (1 John 4.6), and that the "adam" was created in God's image merely to be a vessel, branch, temple etc. just as "the second man", "the last Adam", as "God manifest in the flesh", was not confronted with a "flesh" change, but from being occupied and managed by the Spirit as a Dove or by the spirit of error, Satan, for his forty days confrontation on the "mount of temptation". Flesh was never wrong, it is God's creation as his means of human manifestation. It was only "sinful" flesh, or "sin in the flesh" which was Satan (sin) occupying and misusing the flesh, and now "sin" has been condemned (Romans 8.3), put permanently behind bars in "death row" from which it can shout at us (via temptation) but does not own or indwell us. This then liberates us from "fleshly motivations" as if wrong - for it is not "the real battle is still with our flesh", but flesh (body members) now have their new occupant - Christ in place of Satan.

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So it is not “out of Adam into Christ”, but out of Satan (the false father John 8.44, Ephesians 2.3, 1 John 3.8-10, and 3.12 etc.) into Christ. In “putting off the old man and putting on the new” it is the same “man”, but changed from old to new occupant.

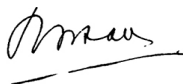
This is what gives the liberty and clarity not to live suspiciously of our flesh, guarding it as if it has something wrong about it, but living positively, fearlessly, as totally “instruments of righteousness unto God”. It takes confusion and false suspicious caution out of being our freed selves.

Now this is very clumsily put in an early morn line to you, but I would like a time with you about it, because it is a fundamental basis to our “total truth”, and took me much time in the Spirit and Scripture to get into final full focus; and again I say it makes all the difference to the totality of our truth, when the human self is “liberated” from ever having had anything wrong with itself, but merely a captive (2 Timothy 2.26) and now exchanged owners, and thus free to be this new dimension of self-expressors, just as Jesus was when He had finally settled the matter of which “Spirit” was going to express Himself by His humanity.

I don’t of course claim that the scraps in this letter are any kind of full presentation of this basic truth, but just a brief outline hopefully leading on to our being able to meet and go into it together.

Once again I am altogether thrilled with the Spirit so setting you as He, as He has us, for this total “high calling”, you especially to your section of Christ’s body which is so dynamic and widespread and the most powerful of all the Spirit’s agencies worldwide today, and that in essence what you see presenting in the mag is our “total Reality”.

Much love, joy, and faith,



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Ap.3.86

Dear Rhonda,

What a lovely letter to get just before I start tomorrow for a further tour in Texas-Florida direction. Thank you, dear. I always enjoy those annual visits and meeting so many of you.

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Yes, love, keep it clear in your faith-understanding that you are not Rhonda, but CHRIST IN RHONDA'S FORM. So when you are tempted to say (as we all are) "How I long to be able to express your message to others clearly, humbly and with love". No, Never say that again! Say who you ARE, not you but HE as you. Then you just say to others what comes out of your mouth, and that is HE as you, boldly and humbly (because it is not you, but HE!) Just boldly give what HE has given you to know and in your way. That will be HE!

Just so glad blessed to hear from you. Be bold and dare to say that the Lord gives HIS word by you HIS way (your way) just as much as by me. All you do is to open your mouth, not by self-effort, but just saying boldly when He looses your tongue to do!

ever with my love and always glad to hear from you,



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Nov.2

Joan dearest,

Yours reached me here and with this loving gift enclosed. Thank you so much, dear.

It is good to hear of your "can't-help-it" praising spirit in tough spots. Surely the Spirit is settling in you that HE is ALL, and whatever happens, it is HE in disguise in negative circumstances. This turns problems into adventure. You beginning to live by James "count it all joy" in divers trials! "Count" is faith against feelings! ALL leaves no room for staying in negative reactions!! So practice the habit of being just yourself in your normal daily living, but inwardly knowing that it is really HE in your form. So your mind-set (be renewed in the spirit of your mind - Ephesians 4) is being a normal person, not looking for disrupting conditions, and then when they turn up, seeing-through as quick as you can to everything being meant (not permitted) by Him, and seeing HIM with His own delivering purposes in everything or person.

So you don't look out for tribulation. No, you live as Jesus, enjoying Him; but when the problems arise, then it is a further special chance of exercising positive faith.

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Thank you, dearest, and hoping to see you.

All my love



Feb.26.87

My dear Norman,

Thank you for troubling to write again. You're a dangerous fellow because you stimulate me to go further into things with you, like old days when I visited you in Rye!!

I think you've hit the spot square on the nose with Wesley and "Perfection". This IS what we are saying in our present-day terms. This is precisely what that radical Jesus put right into His Sermon on the Mount, no holds barred - IMPOSSIBLE standards for the human self, but daringly saying "You ARE the light", "You ARE THE SALT", and right thru to BE YE PERFECT!! Wow! And that this was His continued teaching is evidenced by its repetition in shortened form in Luke 6! But HOW? HOW? Jesus couldn't tell us because He had to make it possible in His own blood and body death, and then after Pentecost, Paul could pick it up and make that Sermon naturally and easily WORKABLE for us.

But I daringly say that our present day contribution is the real definition of the human self, with which the church of Christ was not squarely confronted in modern terms till Atheist Freud came along!! So I daringly say why Wesley did not press his perfection emphasis was precisely because it doesn't wholly work if it involves some improvement in my human self! That's precisely why I wrote this brochure IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THIS really for THE big Nazarene pastor West of the Mississippi at Denver, who asked me to do it. He said we holiness people know our theology, but not so sure about our anthropology!! So I wrote it, disguising of course it was for him. Have I sent you one - the Brochure under that title? If not, I will be delighted to do so. And here I seek to handle our missing spot - that we humans were never created to be self-running, but as vessels, branches, temples, body-members (something like computers!), but NEVER SELF-RUNNING, so that we have to be either "walking Satans" or "walking Christs". No wonder I get beaten about by my fellow evangs!!! But it's the truth.

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Yes, yes and its TOTAL PRACTICALITY - precisely as the Sermon on the Mount is. And that I think is why Paul spoke much more of "sin" dwelling in us than naming it as Satan (Jesus and John did that); but Paul is our great NT expositor of total practical PERFECT BEING!! Nothing less than CHRIST AS US, and leaving plenty of room for all the diversions thru trials and temptations which then become good adventures of faith - and always Romans 8.1.

So I love to go over this with you. And that is why I think even our great Wesley couldn't overemphasize the "perfect" truth, because even he hadn't yet got the true place of the human self into focus. Bold but true and the church will come to this, though we are on the Jesus-Paul stage of being suspected outcasts!

Ever with my love,

  
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Aug.29.87

My dear Brother Harold,

I am being bold in writing you as we had some former good exchange of letters on that question of No Independent Self, and I see now in your July publication you write about it in your Delusive Independence Article. I am not expecting you to answer this, but I like sharing with you. I also include what I might have sent you before, but you have a trash can!

Our great point on which we centre is this reality that there never was such a thing as an independent self! So it is not changing from an indep. self to a dependent self, from unsanctified self to sanctified self, and therefore a kind of "death to self", and thus a problem when a wrong kind of self turns up again! I would daringly think you haven't got that clear in your own article. So many teachers teach as if we once were independent, but now through some death to that kind of self, we are now "dependent" on the Lord of course.

As we see it, we believe from Scripture, there has only ever been One Self in the Universe - I AM. All life is fire, a fire of desire. So He, The Fire, had to be self-desiring, as we all are. But from eternity He transmuted His self which might be a consuming fire of self-for-self into light in the begetting of His Son and thus eternally a Self-for-others. So this

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“death” in God, as it were, so that it says He “cannot lie” (Titus 1:2) - the “Consuming fire” of Hebrews 12:29 into the “light” of 1 John 1:5, and from that Trinity of other-love, all things are created in perfect love.

Lucifer, a created person to express The Person, by free choice (the character of all persons) did not choose to express that nature of other-love, and thus “bear light”: but chose to be an expression of that “consuming fire” of self-for-self. The light in him became darkness. And in his blind self-conceit he thinks it is his independent self, whereas he can only express The One Self and thus in him that self-for-self to which God had “died”.

Then the Father in His eternal purposes, brings into being what He had eternally planned, His vast family of created human sons in His likeness. But as persons they can only be conscious by the interaction of opposites, so the two trees in the Garden. Here Adam & Eve are deceived, by their choice, but not a final fixed choice like Lucifer, they are tricked into accepting Lucifer-Satan, in the symbol of the fruit, and now he takes them over and expresses his self-for-self nature by them (John 8.48 “the lusts of your father ye do”; and Ephesians 2.3 - “by nature children of wrath”; and 1 John 3:1 - “children of the devil” etc.). But Satan inserts into them his own great deceit - that just as he thinks he is independent, (whereas he expresses that consuming-fire nature God never was), so he lyingly makes us think we are expressing our own independent selves - whereas we are branches of that false vine (Romans 6:21), slaves of the False Owner (Romans 6:16).

Now comes the big issue. In that perfect nature of Self-for-others, God in the person of His Son (“God in Christ”) became man as us, was confirmed as vessel, expressor of The Spirit at His baptism, and knew He never expressed Himself (“The Son can do nothing of Himself”): and confirmed that in the Mount of Temptation by which He had to settle as man that He only expressed His Father and did His word, and rejected all enticement to self-expression, which would have been Satan-expression as he. Then as “Second Man” and “Last Adam”, He died as us, and in so dying expressed that Satan-sin self-for-self nature (“made sin”), and thus was deserted on our behalf by the Father (“My God, my God, why has thou forsaken Me?”). Then in that death as us, out went forever that false “spirit of error” (1 John 4:6), and in came into His body, as ours, His Spirit of Truth.

So now at first that is too deep for our blinded selves to see our deliverance in its fullness, because we don't even know we have been

just expressors of Satan in his nature and never were independent, as if with a nature of our own. So we are born of the Spirit as we come in repentance and faith, and we become conscious of the Spirit, God in His self-for-others nature - expresses Himself by us as us - "the fruit of the Spirit".

But because of us being deceived into thinking we are just ourselves self-operating, though influenced by Satan (Revelation 12:9), we "try" to do God's works, and the law came to expose that deceit to us, and at last we find, as in Romans 7 that ~~we~~ can't do good (7:18), and at last find that it isn't we doing the evil, but that evil person in his sin nature ("sin dwelling in us"). We "try", but no, it is evil present with us 7:21. So now at last we are conditioned for having our eyes opened. Now we see the fullness of that body-death of Jesus "made Sin" as us, and then "dead to sin". So there never was anything wrong with us. It is not we who get sanctified or unsanctified, except as expressing the sinfulness or holiness of our Indweller.

Now at last we are Free to be ourselves! That neutral self made marvellously capable of expressing HIS deity Self, but we had to learn by the opposites. So we are free to BE - Romans 8:2; and then we learn by long practice through all forms of trial and temptation we are Christ-expressors and nothing else. What liberty and what authority to speak our words of faith as HIS word by and as us! More than conquerors and able to transmit our secret when we know it ourselves!

So, Brother Harold, I am bold to share this over again with you, because it took me long to get this into order, and have real permanent light on my human self never being anything but a container and expressor of the Divine Self (2 Peter 1:4), and formerly of the False Deity self - out for keeps, though he shouts plenty at us, which is our good practicing ground, as we become "Perfect, wanting nothing!" But I boldly didn't think you had that clear in your "Divine Independence" article, so I boldly, behind the scenes, share this with you. Marvellous! We permanently HIM - Expressors and nothing else by momentary temptation - and back we come.

Ever with my love and not expecting an answer!



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Mch 31.88

Eileen darling,

What a letter. Way the best and so full of "understandings" and inner "seeings". You really are one of us as a Teacher.

I love what you share in this rich letter, a real good "spring" back, but I see the "Spring" springing up from within!

I love your (His) love of the young people so that you are no 'natural' world teacher for a job, but because you love them and I think that Marvellous, darling, that you might be being called of God to have "foster children", not just surrogate babies, but precious misled girls pregnant etc. I boil at our society and even laws of USA do nothing to compel the boys who get the girls pregnant so easily to pay their part of the price of the children. But it is lovely seeing that INNER LOVER reaching out by His Eileen form to these young folks.

I love it too, my darling, that by The Keeper, you have kept yourself physically pure (1 John 5:18). It is a new age. In our days it was rare (such as in my what we call in Britain "public school" - (really boys' private - 600 of us) I only knew one boy who boasted that he got girls into "sin"; but now it is the other way round, and the ones who are kept pure are the rarities. So thank God for you, my precious.

Of course you have sex drives and longings just as I and we all have, because it is those very drives channelled into other-love which puts sinew and muscles spiritually into us and makes us lovers in action. If we hadn't the sex drive, we should not have any of that drive which presses you into caring. So all is perfect, just as you are beautifully underlining, those four of you, that what looks like Satan, is God building up the cross to produce the resurrections. And meanwhile, my darling, He is maturing you as a faith-victor by you being kept single and not knowing whether there will be that "distraction" or not. I can only know that it is difficult for a woman to marry and not obviously be much tied to her children, whereas we men can marry and still keep largely untied. So I know those tremendous ones among us who have been kept single (thru some sex battles). So, my darling, thank God you know your KEEPER and the price you pay is to have the sex longings and still be ready and "kept" for either way in the future and not meaning anything but HIS will and way.

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All my love and thank you for such a letter. I'm going finely and wouldn't know anything had been wrong physically if I had not been told so!

Just loving you,



Ap.24.88

My dear Elizabeth,

Glad you keep in touch with me, but above all I'm glad of your living links with my loved Fran for she is a true "Knower". When you do know, you know, and the final proof is that you can never again be quiet about your "total secret" anymore than when really born again, we could keep quiet about that! That's the true Pentecost - "They spake boldly" and when publicly challenged and threatened by the Priests, Peter says, "We can't but speak what we know!!" So, dear, keep searching and questioning until all questions are actually answered, though like a Doctor, there are always exciting new medical discoveries!

You ask, Why don't folk know and "seem to evade". My dear, because ALL WE HAVE AND ARE is OURSELVES, made in His likeness: and the last and glorious "death" is when we have "suffered" enough to be glad to see self in its permanent disappearance act, only of course the hidden "mystery" and when we know it we say almost "joke", is that only when we have had that total 'death' do we find we have risen again to be eternally total total operating selves, but that total, we well know and delight in, is really only always HE as us. Then indeed we shall operate as co-heirs of the universe. But when we have had that final on-earth self death and resurrection, we already begin the glory and adventure of being faith-operators, God-in-action by us! But our GLORY IS not just seeing our enthroned INTERCESSOR, but now doing our own cross-sharing as His earth-forms as intercessors - our "great reward" is to be CROSS-SHARERS as Paul so gloriously in 2 Corinthians 4:7-18 etc. etc. in his writings.

Thank you for the extract from your pastor friend, but he DOESN'T KNOW more than the usual victorious life message; he used to, but has pulled back and little present likelihood of total knowing. It is an ULTIMATE PRICE, but I'm so glad, dear, you are well on the road of

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saying the total. Let's keep together in pursuit and finding, and you have your treasure-chamber in Fran and are in process of being a CROWN JEWEL yourself!

Ever with my love. I'm sending you by sea-mail my Romans 6-8 thing which has the essence on this "self" problem.



June 23.89

My dear beloved Wallace,

I have found yours with the Camp Meeting enclosure - where they say least of the one they should say most about - yourself. You always move me when we share. Wallace, it is rare among us to be those who search to the bottom, first in ourselves in our true God-relationship, and then able to lead others in their searching and finding. And how faithful you have been in a calling which would have been incredibly difficult to me - among the leader type even in France and then Britain. You have lived with the nitty gritty! I love to see you now saying you have had these "glorious" times in Europe and long to be back there. Your true home in the Spirit. I actually have this same "barrier" with my own beloved WEC, only just one or two dig to the depths with me and "Know" they have "arrived" in their inner union, but most of my Weccers keep me at a distance, a bit dangerously "way off". No, WAY ON!! And meanwhile there is a mounting number of those in whom this "total" light has been lit and they are unstoppable. What they have found in their total they must share, and I know I leave behind me, as I "fly upwards" a growing army, considered dangerous by nearly all our brother evangelicals, but "ruthless" in our churchwide worldwide commission, for we have what is really the truth of every redeemed person, but few still know it. So on we go, glorying, though much wounded in the house of our friends. Also that glory!

You are right, the final truth is in the understanding of ourselves as totally only "expressors" of HIM (we "are" the light, not 'have it!'). What we know is that we don't have one iota to change in our God-created selves, but only RECOGNISE AS ETERNAL FACT that exchange



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of false deity expressed by me for our True Spirit of the Living God, and raising no further questions about how I express Him. I just AM HE IN EXPRESSION, and so are You! Romans 8.1 we live on the basis of Romans 8.2!! Praise! You just have been a glorious Christ-expressor all these years, but have been bugged by false self-condemnation as I have. But no longer!!

Just dashing this off to you. Wish we could be together.

All my love. Wallace, you have MUCH MUCH that those big-noise folks advertised with their "achievements" in the Camp bulletin. They would be greatly enriched if they had the same!

Loving you,



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Nov. 20

Deanna dearest,

Thank you, dear, for your own heart-out pouring. Sandie and I are only back now from that great tour and then Bermuda. You are a wonderful organizer, love, and that evening's fellowship great, including David Needham coming!

Dear, in answer to your good searchings. No, no we somehow haven't made it clear - that we don't lose ourselves but very much find ourselves. That's why I called that last book YES I AM, not HE IS! Paul subtly said that in Gal.2:20 when he first said, "Yet not I but Christ lives in me" - but he had added "in me", not just "Christ lives". The whole point is that we are made real persons precisely like God, so that HE can re-express His personhood by our personhood. I seek to make that very plain ch. 25, 26! That's our glorious wonder and liberty, and why we only know that because Jesus became a human person, and forever our elder brother. That's our fun -that we live and do exactly what we like, because it is settled in us by our faith and the Spirit's witness that it is really HE as me. So off I go as me!! I will go on tackling that with you, darling, if needful, because it is vital. I love Jesus in His Deanna FORM, and I really only outwardly see Deanna, but because I'm a Spirit-person I know it is Deanna-Jesus. That's why only those who had inner eyes to

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see His very nature could see God Himself in that wandering carpenter and say with Peter, John 6. 68,69.

And now, love, to the human problem. That clever and often seemingly 'unkind' God corners us until ONLY HE remains as us to us; and with you, love, it has hit that major spot of our human affections, including our God-given sex drives. There's no other way, love. You have to say in the ultimate "Your Maker is your husband". Pauline and I parted seemingly for ever but for six months, and I had to prove that I would not run away to some other field, but wd still go to Congo to her father (only about six of us in those days) and she maybe married to my special friend. As I stood square to that, she came back, though I never humanly thought she would, so we had 'died' to each other, though our love ever remained vibrant, and we were parted plenty in our 62 years. No, darling, no way except that you move over to ONLY HE, husband or no husband.

Darling, thru this you will be GOD'S WOMAN FOR ETERNITY, and help many, and rejoice that HE did this job in you to fix you as His permanent expressor. We have to go thru our Heb. 5: 7-9.

It's a great paradox - no independent self, yet a real operating vibrant self expressing HIM. We never get beyond 2 Cor. 4:7-12, and the pains are swallowed up by the glory.

I love you, and stand by you in this "total" walk because you are a precious total person.



EXCERPTS

It's grand to be alive in such days as these, although we are bound to share the suffering, sharing God's burden until "that day". More and more, as I go on in this wonderful life in Christ, I revel in the permanent ease and freshness of the abiding experience. I find it just like air. There is no effort to the lungs to live in the air unless they are diseased, and so the life in Christ becomes one's native element.

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I was taken by a friend recently to the leading church in Toronto - huge congregation, the sermon was blasphemous. I prayed about getting up and making public protest, but as I was asking the Lord about it in my pew, He intervened by my friend turning sick and having to go out, and I accompanying her!

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I've got a habit of sharing good things and with very little reticence for "privacy" because I think I learned by living with CTS, who for the Africans' sake hadn't even a door to his bedroom, so that they could drop in anytime to pray with him, and then also in Ruanda's openness the same, so pretty well share everything unless it has a 'moral' tinge to it. I learned that in WEC and shared everything with all at our daily morn sessions unless it has some moral implication which might 'smear' a person.

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We have a rising number of those going around with our "special" message; we are by grace thru faith expressors of Christ but with the beautiful secret in the one phrase I carry with me from the C of E prayerbook - "In whose service is perfect freedom", which puzzled me for long until the full light shone. And now FREE TO BE. Folks still get after us about "what about responsibility"? Of course my answer is obvious to you. We are "can't help it" folk. We are driven by the indwelling Spirit as in Ezek. 36:27!

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There is no "sin in my flesh", my flesh is precious and God-made; (Jesus, "God manifest in the flesh"; Paul, "the life I now live in the flesh" etc). Jesus was "in the likeness of sinful flesh", in other words the problem is not flesh but is who expresses by it. But see Gal. 5:24 - we have "crucified the flesh" in the form of its "affections and lusts". We have an ok flesh, not sin in the flesh. Paul said Jesus "condemned sin in the flesh", so it is a prisoner in death-row and can shout at us thru the bars, that's all. So it leaves a touch of bondage if we are suspicious of ourselves, flesh-selves.

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I had an inner collapse myself under the weight and pressures of conflicts within the ministry I am in. There seemed hopelessness and a sense of, "if we can't work it out, who can?"

I had never been much of a student of the prophets and God turned me to the minor prophets to begin his rebuilding of faith in me. In Habakkuk I saw again the sovereignty of God in the midst of calamity, the exulting in Him when the news is the situation will get worse before it gets better. God's sure word to Him (Hab) was that the enemy would be sweeping in and would devastate God's precious people. Though they had apostatized, it was a great offence to Hab that God would use a nation more wicked to purge His people. Hab was left with accepting that and exulting in God, though the vines would yield no grapes and there would be no cattle.

Zephaniah struck me with the incredible love of God for His people despite their sin, and His promise to restore them to Himself with a rapt love and cherishing. The more I read, the more I sensed that God uses the enemy (who we know from New Test-literature to be satan) to sift and purge His people so that they see only God as their being and life and consuming drive. The enemy is evil and God destroys later the evil rod, but in the meantime it is His rod to discipline His people. The secret is seeing the rod as God's rod. Then Haggai began to convict me to get on with the work, laying aside concern over myself and how things affect me. God's work was in standstill (at that time that meant rebuilding the temple which was the covenant symbol then) and the people were lethargic. Haggai called them to repent and rise up over opposition and self concerns.

Then Zechariah took me into the heavenlies with His visionary pictures of the final destruction of the enemies, the true high priest, THE BRANCH, who would come forth and the candle stick with oil (Holy Spirit) which burns continually in it which is to say we are the light of the world thru the indwelling of the Spirit.

But then resistance swelled up in me and I was ready to quit. Bitterness erupted in my feelings and I had to come to grips that there were folks I was not seeing as Christ people—just seeing their faults or unbelief or what I thought was such. Maybe it was ME and I needed to repent and believe again the grace of God in others who I could not agree with.

Then I read Jonah and was caught. There I was - desperately wanting to run away from those God was calling me to die for. Jonah was called to be good news to those who he felt every right to resent as enemies of the Lord and abusers of God's precious elect nation. Jonah at first refused and

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so was disciplined even to the point of death before he had a flash of faith in chap 2 and said he would pay his vow and recognize that salvation is of the LORD - ie God saves who he wants, when He wants, how he wants and by what means He wants, and has mercy on all and desires His light to shine on all.

So, something broke in me and there was repentance and the willingness to go on however God leads, knowing that He has not put upon me (or any) temptation too great to bear and knowing that His grace is sufficient.

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I live like that tree in Jer. 17:8!



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ENCOURAGEMENT

Life is just God; not God first, but God only.

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What you take, takes you.

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Possess your possessions.

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The way to clarity is through confusion.

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Doubt is the springboard to faith.

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You are not your feelings.

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Satan is God's convenient agent.

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There is only one Person in the universe.

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All N.P.G. gems

Norman Percy Grubb

October 29, 1958

Dear Lydia,

Your letter has come on to me on tour. It deeply thrills and stirs my soul again. I cannot really say what I feel about the insights of the Spirit that God has given you. I have already told you that I wonder whether or not the day will come when God may have something to give in print through these letters you have sent me. God is giving you to see far into some of the secrets of the Spirit and further than I on points. I cannot answer your letter in detail, as it is already late at night, and I have meetings throughout tomorrow. But I tell you that my heart is warmed and enriched. Actually you are only the second person who seemed to see anything of God in this new book. So perhaps that makes me extra pleased with your letter!! I had the deep conviction that I had to write what I did write, and that I have to seek to get those rock bottom truths into print, and even since doing the book, I have other things that go further, and I want to prepare them. The point is could I get a chance of a talk with you? See what could be done about it. If we could arrange a get together either up at Camp Hill or at the Pugh's, that would be grand.

Now forgive this very little line in answer to your letter in the Spirit, but it comes with my thankfulness and joy and love.

Yours in Christ,



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December 18, 1958

Dear Gwen:

I have just seen in your letter to Mrs. Grubb that your father has passed on. I am sure it is a release for him, though these partings always mean real sorrow to us who remain, especially when they are those who have loved us and brought us up. I still feel the loss of my mother very much.

I am so thankful for the way you have held on to the work despite your own home burdens in caring for the old folk, and in your case, often with the addition of your ill health. As you have cared for them

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in their years of weakness and need, so God will be faithful to you. So please accept this line of loving sympathy - but don't bother to answer!

Warm greetings to you this Christmas Season. We get lots of interesting news when you write Mrs. G. Keep at it! I still love life out here, despite your fears that travelling in the American air was making me sick. The very opposite!

Very sincerely yours,



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December 10. 1959

Dear Cynthia:

Thanks ever so much for your good letter. I will anyhow look forward to the two days with you. I wish it could be more.

I love Jim's letters. They are alive with the Spirit. I count it a great privilege to be allowed to be one of the few to walk with Jim as he walks with God. It is so evidently the way the Spirit walks in people, yet how few can see it. It is like the "princes of this world" who, if they had known Who He was, would never have crucified Him. What a great honour we are given!

My love to you, and greetings to your Mother,

Affectionately yours in Christ,



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January 16, 1960

My dear,

You've come alive at last! I had almost begun to think that I must count you out as an adopted daughter! So it was great to get yours today. I am off to-morrow for three weeks to complete the first draft of the life of Abram Vereide, the founder of International Christian Leadership, which works in Congress, Senate, etc., so I am sending this line before I get immersed. I am also obeying your insulting reference to my handwriting!!! Though I don't know that my typing is much better.

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So glad again for a little heart sharing. You can at least make use of an adopted poppa to open up a few problems to one who is too far away to interfere, but who is heart to heart with you, and counts it a privilege to share. I shan't give much of my own more outward news, as I am sending the kind of annual circular shortly (sea mail).

My dear, the Lord knows His business perfectly, and I am so glad He has been training you in what it means for His unconditional love to flow thru you. He loving thru you, by putting you with this girl. That's just the kind of thing God has been putting up with from us humans all these centuries, including ourselves; and He still loves and loves. He can't do anything else. He is love, and that's the end of it. I will send you some talks which were taken down unknown to me when I was recently speaking, called "The Key to Everything." It touches on this. I John 4.7 onward is unmatched on this. The proof of our new birth and God's indwelling is not that He loves us, but that He loves thru us. So let's go to it! You say you began to feel quite hard towards her, and "couldn't seem to help it." Exactly. That's the lesson. The first is that soul-feeling must not be confused with spirit-fact. You "feel", that's just your outward soul-emotions, not your real self. The real fact is that Christ, Who is love, is the real Self in you, His Spirit joined to yours; and spirit is our real ego. I have also written on this in that pamphlet. So just straight reject your soul-feelings on all subjects, and reckon on the unchangeable fact, no matter if you feel the opposite, that He Who is love is loving that one thru you. The other lesson is that you can't help feeling hard and loveless. No indeed, because that's all you are or I am for eternity! You and I are incapable of Divine self-giving love. That is God only. So I recognize that I haven't and can't love; then I relax and affirm (not pray or seek) that HE is love in me, and loves thru me. Then get about taking that attitude of love towards that one. My dear, she is a hungry unhappy person. She can't be otherwise if she is as you say she is. She needs your love to bring her to His love, which is in her and she doesn't recognize it. Maybe you can't express that love in word or deed; she won't take it at present; but you can have that inner attitude of faith and love; and as you get thru, die and live, she will get thru. Count her as thru within. She also is tied up by mistaking the outward soul-reactions for her real self - Christ in her. So praise the Lord you are learning that though you can get along with almost anyone in the

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natural, you can't do that supernatural thing - love the unlovely. That's only God in you!

Then about the "indifferent feeling." It has the same roots. You are confusing what you feel towards Him with what He is in Himself. Lots of our early faith is really not "just Jesus" but my feelings, or prayer spirit, or light on the Word, etc. It is my, my, my. But God is Himself in us quite apart from any reaction we have to Him. He just IS! And He has to take us through a period - which you are now describing - when our feelings deceive us. We don't feel we love Him, or care about prayer or the Word or souls, etc. Excellent! We are now getting somewhere! What one of the old mystics called "The dark night of the soul" - which leads to the midday sun of the spirit! So you see, dear, you must learn, as I have had to, that Jesus is my changeless Jesus, the real Other Self permanently part of me, if I feel dead as a stone. By those means I at last begin to differentiate between what I am getting out of Him or am towards Him, and what He is. Then I just don't depend on my quiet time, my Bible, my prayer, my anything. It is just Jesus, and His blood for cleansing. You miss your Q.T. thru weariness of business. You are at outs with Him thru the day - so you think. Nonsense! He is the same Jesus in you, whether you had your Q.T. or not. If you were wrongly lazy, well, get that to the blood at once, and then walk on with Him. I don't know what to say about the social life. I agree too much is waste. But I can only say, don't take condemnation anyhow. If you do feel condemned that you have wasted time, well, take it and leave it under the blood, and just trust Him to lead in the future. But you do nothing by letting the Accuser get at you.

So glad you are happy in the work and know you are in God's place. Amen! But why should I put up with some of your handwriting, and not you mine. But you see I am more charitable because I am glad to hear from you under any guise!!

Now, dear, don't let it go so long again. Strange how God gave us a link in living fellowship out of all the young folks I meet, and out of all the old fogies you meet. But He did! Well, let's preserve it in the Spirit. So a return letter soon please, and I shall want to know how God gives it you with this girl, and with the things we have talked about.

I praise God for numberless open doors and hearts this year, specially in house groups, some among folks like friends of Princess Grace of Monaco. God is working everywhere. But your (and my) former

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friends of Tulsa Bapt. Temple which first gave us our link, still cast us out as too Pentecostal (but glad you don't).

Much love, your adopted poppa,



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May 20, 1960

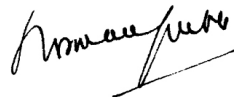
Dear Ruth:

Glad to hear from you again.

God knows His own business, and He knows how to train us to the point where we have nothing in ourselves, but Jesus must be our all. You are there now, linked to this troublesome boss, and the girl who works with him. Here is your chance for the love of God to flow through you. He did not keep Himself separate from His enemies, but He joined Himself with them, identified Himself with them by dying for them. So you also forget their attitudes towards you, and ask God to show you how they can see His love in you towards them. If they are unkind to you, look at it from the point of view that they hurt themselves much more than you. As they see your patience and love, God can use that to show them the rottenness of their own selves and their need of Him, even as He has to show you the same.

Always glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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September 5, 1960

Dear Walt,

You must forgive me if I am presumptuous in writing this to you, but I am taking a chance on it. A rumour (unconfirmed) has reached me that you have resigned from your ministry. If this is so, or if you are contemplating it, I am bold to ask you if you could not delay until we could meet together in November.

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Experience in W.E.C. has taught me that when God starts something thru us, His human instruments, He takes us through testings and searchings when He first really deals with us as His agents, and gets us to a place of thorough openness among ourselves, and where we can take challenge from each other and face our own weaknesses or carnal strengths, and where we learn to find our need of each other, as a human team led by God: for God does not work just through individuals, but through the members of His body united in action, and His strength made perfect in their weakness.

I believe God causes our snags and difficulties to be apparent to each other, and to frustrate each other, not to divide us, but to humble us, so that we cannot glory in or rely on our own selves or on each other. But the great point is - has God guided us to start the job we have undertaken? If we believe He has, then the manifestation of "flesh" and difficulties among us, however great, must by no means turn us away from our calling, His commission. They must rather spur us to further faith, for God's set pattern is that all human works and efforts must go thru death, so that they are really rooted and grow in the power of His resurrection.

Forgive me saying all this - and only on a rumour! But I personally believe that God did speak in the start of your ministry and even though we can trace, maybe, rashness or failures to work as a team, or what-not, yet God will shew us His way to His glory, if we will hold together long enough to get to the place of real openness and integration as an inner team (and that is often a costly and painful process!). If we just break up, then God and faith will have a public set-back, and love among the brethren will have appeared to have failed, just when the work of God is springing up.

So my plea is, if there is anything in this rumour, could we not wait and arrange to get together for an unhurried period, and really have all cards on the table, and see what the Lord has to say to us all as a team?

I have not mentioned what I have heard to any. I am just writing privately to you. Don't feel under any obligation to answer - specially if I am off-beam in what I am saying. Just destroy the letter; and anyhow I will greatly look forward to seeing you.

Ever yours in Christ,



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Norman Percy Grubb

September 15, 1960

Dear Mr. Ahlman:

Thank you for your letter. I have written a book called "The Liberating Secret" which you could order at a Christian bookstore. It is published here by The Christian Literature Crusade. I deal in that with your question on Romans 7.

To put it briefly, Romans 7 is not the chapter in which the believer lives. We live indwelt by Christ in Romans 8. Romans 7 is when we forget that Christ lives in us, and we try to live - to fulfill the law - by our own strength. But independent self is sin, therefore the moment we forget the indwelling Christ, and try to live by independent self, sin is at work in us, and we are under its dominion. Therefore the point to remember is that as that chapter tells us, we are dead to the law; that means we are not independent people trying to fulfill God's laws. We are a new people, with the Law-Giver living in us, Christ Himself. We only enter into the bondage of Romans 7, when we forget that fact and we must learn to turn quickly by the cleansing blood to our abiding place in Romans 8.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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November 7, 1960

My dear Ron:

This is just a line to say how glad and thankful I was that you permitted me to have those heart to heart talks with your wife and with yourself as well. I felt bound in heart again with you both as in the years past.

I grant you God has taken her strange ways, but my close fellowship with her these recent hours only confirms to me that you have a precious jewel in the spirit in her, even as she has a true man of God in you, and that you complement each other. Doubtless there have been grounds for your feeling that, with her strong mystical strain, she has gone overboard in following inner light rather than the simple,

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practical expression of God in action through her in her daily life. But I so rejoiced to see how God has been showing her that light is expressed in the practical life of love and I understood as never before what a victory of grace it means for her to live down in the practical which is the opposite of her normal nature. But that was why I said to you, See God in her, both in the past and present and count on it that it is God increasingly living His own life through her in the daily life; just as she equally sees God in you in your life. I believe God is giving you and will give you a new place of union in your combined lives.

Do please be free to write to me at any time, as candidly and confidentially as you like.

My love in Christ to you both.

As ever yours,



February 6, 1961

Dear John:

Thank you for yours and with the explanation on the American edition. I had not got this clear. I passed a copy to our C.L.C. but we are set up differently here. C.L.C. Britain can sell through their own chain of bookstores. We here have no bookstores, but our agents for certain spiritual life books from Britain, and I have not heard from them yet how we stand about yours with Macmillan.

It is good that you are getting on both with Hudson Taylor and Moody. You strike a rich vein in both of those, and they are the sort of lives which can be rewritten and re-presented.

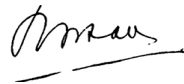
I wonder about your future plans which you mention. I am not sure that you strike the most significant note for our day in delving out remote pioneer efforts. There are such, and more are needed, but they are very much on the periphery of the movings of the Spirit in the world today. I wonder if some other type of approach is not more appealing and profitable. For instance, a book on some of the rich streams in the Spirit flowing today, giving their history, assessing them in their strengths and weaknesses, might be of enormous value. You are doing this with individuals in H.T. and Moody; how about doing

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it in movements? A presentation of the whole church of the Ruanda movement and its world impacts: of the Bakht Singh Assemblies in India: of the No-church movement in Japan: on the Billy Graham campaigns: of the indications inside the older Denominations of the new outbreak of the Spirit (they are here in U.S.A.; I have just heard of the same in the Dutch Reformed, Holland; also in the New Zealand churches). These are those that merely come to my mind at the moment; but the point I had is that the days of the foreign missionary are being replaced by the Spirit in the whole church to the whole world, and something that indicates that to my mind has rich appeal and usefulness.

The Lord guide you, in this gift He has given you, and that He has placed you in a condition in which you can exercise it.

Ever yours in Christ,



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April 4, 1961

My dear Wallace,

I am ever so sorry to hear that I shall miss you in Paris. Marian was thinking that I could break my journey in route to England, but I can't do that. I am booked right thru on the S.S. United States, and they are planning to meet me at Southampton on April 19. I was hoping to get a day with you when I crossed to the continent in July, but I now hear you will be over here. Doubtless I shall get an opportunity of seeing you here, at least I hope so, as Marian has once again with her wonderful heart of love asked us all as a family to be in East Islip for three weeks in August. I cannot say what she has meant to me in getting behind me with the book. I don't think I could have got thru it without her enthusiasm and hard work and stuff she has piled on me. How Christ radiates through her ministry of self-giving, as you well know.

I am definitely encouraged at the way I.C.L. things are going over here. There was a time when I questioned whether the influx of new workers, such as Doug and Bill, would deflect I.C.L. from its specialized objective and methods of approach; but I have quite changed my mind. I believe it is God who has sent these young workers in. They are making a Bible-centred contribution which is a rightful addition to I.C.L., but



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at the same time Doug is teachable and open to what God can teach him through Abram and the others. I believe they will be open to you also, and that you will have a definite ministry when you come over in helping them to understand the right kind of approach, especially to non-American peoples. You are the one above all who has been trained of God along this line. I was glad to hear how eagerly they were anticipating your visit. I hope you will come in the spirit of the "older worker" who can add to the zeal and Christ-centeredness of the younger workers some of your maturity of approach. You know what it is to have, like Abram, the love of God towards people of other nations, and God will use you to open the eyes of these younger ones to this necessity. The Lord is going to give you a great time with them - that I take by faith. How thankful I am for the grace and persistence He has given you to stick right along with I.C.L. these years. What a gift of God you have been to Abram and all. Doing the book has been a great encouragement too. It has given me an insight beyond anything I had expected to the depths of the life of the Spirit in Abram, and his determination to point men to Christ. If, for no other reason, I think the book will be a great blessing to open people's eyes to the real objective and ministry of I.C.L. It is not a brilliant book, but it is Christ orientated. It has been a very great privilege to me, not only to do this book, but to be allowed to have all the fellowship with you all in I.C.L. Both Abram and Marian have been wonderful to me.

My love to you both, but it is a great regret that I shall not have the chance of seeing you in France. I had hoped to see our dear Margot too and answer the material you have sent yourself for the book. It has greatly improved and really formed the basis of what was needed to be said on some of the European contacts. You will likely see David at Marian's. He is a fine boy.

Ever yours,



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April 12, 1961

My dear daughter Helen:

Lovely to get this long personal letter from you in your packed life. Thank you ever so much from us both. I am off in two days now for my

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three months in England. I had such a nice letter from your Mother, and hope to see her.

Your letter brought the kind of news we used to get from C.T. in early days when he was fighting for a holy church, and would have no compromise with sin. Thank God for the stand you have taken though it breaks your heart to do it. The Devil might easily have got in with the temptation to compromise for the sake of preserving the medical work; but thank God you feared neither Devil nor man but stood for God at any cost, even though it meant a visit from officials; but even there God worked for you. How right this is. How often medical missionary work has been ruined by compromising the holiness standard to keep the physical healing going. I am sure this has been a vital test in these new days, when new responsibilities and opportunities are coming to the Congolese, and they have again had the witness born to them - "without holiness no man shall see the Lord." There is, of course, this special temptation in the areas of the work in which we are offering more than just Christ only, and there are earthly advantages to be gained, so all the more you must stand firm.

So glad of the good news from some of the centres, and the lovely witness of some of the Christ-filled brothers and sisters. I am sure the whole church will have to go through a new phase where the witness comes from the African to the African that the only Gospel is "To me to live is Christ."

This comes with our united love, and thanking God for the poise and courage of the Spirit in you. How easy it is now to see that the storms of the past have been God's preparation.

Ever yours affectionately,



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February 12, 1963

Dear Belinda:

I am glad you have written. Even if you have found it hard to put things on paper, you have put some, and it is good to have someone you can share your heart with. So don't stop, but write more. Don't hold back, tell me of the depths of your heart.

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You see, God intends that you should find all you need in HIM Alone. To do this, He puts you in a situation in which you are hurt and wronged. That is to press you into HIMSELF ONLY. Your way is to accept your present situation from HIM. Thank Him that He is living in you just where He chooses to put you. Count that all joy, though you can't feel it joy. It isn't easy to accept things that hurt or people that hurt us; but keep on telling God that you do accept it from Him. Get the habit of seeing Him living in you just where you are.

Then remember that you are His means of shewing His love. You are the love of God, because He is joined to you and manifests Himself thru you. So He lives in you among difficult people, not that you should think of how they hurt you or wrong you, but how you can be the love of God towards them. That turns you out from yourself to them. You are the outflowing love of God. As a human you are meant to feel the hurts, but by faith you recognize God in you loving thru you, and that swallows up the hurts.

As you do that, you will find yourself being freer in sharing with others. But you need not be concerned about that. You are beginning to open your self and your heart to me, well, that is a start. When the right time comes, God will make it easy for you to share with others. But you need not strain at it, but relax back in Him, and only do what He constrains you to do.

So I think that's the first thing, my dear. If there are other areas of your life in which you are having battles or defeats, and don't see the way thru, count me as a father in Christ, and hold back nothing. I know sufficient of my own humanity and other people's, to be able to sympathize and never be shocked. I am too shocked with myself!

Tell me now how God speaks to you about accepting where you are (that is bearing about in your body the dying of the Lord Jesus), and about being the love of God towards the difficult one you are with. I shall look to hear again. Even when I am away, letters are forwarded to me.

With my love in Christ,



Norman Percy Grubb

December 21, 1963

Dear Belinda:

I have missed hearing from you for so long, I thought I would send a line of enquiry. You privileged me to share in the inner battles of your heart and your walk with the Lord, or rather I would say His walk in you; and now has come such a silence. Your last letter seems to be nearly a year ago. Can that really be so? I was at Bethany for their last New Year's conference, but did not see you there.

So, won't you write me again and just tell me with no reservations how you are getting along. It is my privilege to love you in Christ, and we are given to each other to build each other up in Him.

My love in Christ to you,



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Feb.14.66

Alice dearest,

It was a thrill this morning to see the writing that has now become familiar to me. I had got used to you not writing, so I really felt on top. Thank you, darling daughter.

Best of all for what you say - that is beautiful, and the be-all and end-all of our love and fellowship, isn't it when you say you've just begun to live, just to be, that's all, and "given up preparing for life". Exactly, beloved. We are, because "we" is really Christ in His Alice and Norman form; and sweetheart, you can't get knocked off that rock, because you are that rock, not just standing precariously on it. You-He are one rock, you and He one. So what beats on you beats on Him.

Yes, you will feel the beatings, like the one on Sunday. We are meant to, because we are the human part of God which feels with the world in it's distortions, and all this is part of a cross-way in which we die to hurt self God comes thru in redemptive ways to others as at Calvary. But beloved, don't keep me waiting. You arouse my interest when you say you'll "expound on this later". When's later? Not six weeks I hope. Make it one week, and love will always squeeze the time in somehow. I've sent you the next addresses. Now I shall watch at each!! You've

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involved yourself with a greedy papa! And much else you say you want to share - and I want to hear - and answer.

My deep love and don't forget watching the mails!!!



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May 12, 1966

Darling,

I only wrote you yesterday, but can't let this lovely one from you go without a further line. Yes, I felt, darling, that you had come to a new resting place - I love the stain of that precious tear, as I loved them on your sweet face as I left you. Christ has come to rest in His Alice-beautiful, and once you have found that resting place, the storms of life will give you temporary disturbances, but it doesn't matter when you know where to return to! Blessings on you and such a hug for my precious daughter.

Just leave the moving question alone. When and if God means you to move, He will take you by the back of your neck and lift you out from the one to the other! God's ways, sweetheart, have a peace and certainty about them. The very fact that you are still uncertain means He has not yet spoken. But it is not wrong to be uncertain. Just accept yourself as you are, and tell Him it is up to Him to make you certain when He wants to, and meanwhile you go ahead where you are - a light in that confusion.

And don't equally be bothered about possible self-glorification in what you do. Just be yourself and accept yourself. Of course you are pleased when God uses you, but that is not wrong because you know your chief motive!

It will be lovely if sometime you can make it to see and be with Pauline. I would love that, darling, and so would she and you.

I will sign the books and send. Am so glad of that beautiful relationship with Jack and the increasing depth of fellowship.

Your loving papa,



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Norman Percy Grubb

April 19, 1967

Dear Annie:

Thank you for your further letter.

I find the most help, not in centering on how I can keep my mind stayed on Him, or feeling condemned because, as you say, "the trouble is within my own heart." No, I think my concentration is to be on the fact that He has joined Himself to me forever, one Spirit (I Cor.6.17) and this remains a fact whether my mind is on Him or not. So I'm not depending on whether I keep my mind stayed on Him, but on the fact that His mind is forever stayed on me, whether I remember Him or not.

Read I John 3.19-21. John specifically says we are not to assess our relationship with Him on what we feel about it in our own hearts. Our hearts vary in their feelings and, He says whether our hearts condemn us or not, God is greater and He doesn't change. Read also II Tim. 2.13.

Warmly yours in Christ,



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May 12, 1967

My dear Cubby:

I was, indeed, sorry to miss you when you came here, though I am so glad you came, and you know how welcome you always are.

I am leaving tomorrow for a tour of meetings covering most of two months in the south and middle west, so I fear I shan't be here if you do phone Monday, but I hope this letter will get you in time to prevent that. Actually, at the end of my tour, I shall be passing through Boston, probably on July 11 and 12. I expect you will be on the move somewhere by then, but if not, of course, I would love an hour or two with you.

But you give some surprising and very disturbing news about the School. I think you have most clearly outlined the situation point by point: the deterioration of the School from the evangelical standpoint: the fact that you have no required courses now: the influx of the younger professors who will naturally be more appealing to the students (though there is, to my mind, a big question mark there because God has gifted you with a natural attraction combined with the

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drawing power of an ever living and contemporary Christ through you): and then the age question, with no clear certainty of continuing beyond 65: and finally the fact that they will not give you any leave of absence for cooperation with the Japanese fellow. All these build up to a very clear situation to my mind, and to Pauline's also; and a clear indication from God that the time to move has come.

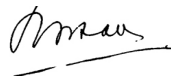
The one point against it is that it would be a "step down" in status. But as you so gloriously see it and put it (and so often this is the very form of self which prevents people going God's real way of the cross and resurrection), this has nothing to do with assessing what is really God's call.

I take it that you mean that you had a definite invitation from the California Baptist Seminary. Of course, I love the west and the whole stirrings of life there, and would love to see you in that environment for your remaining years. You would carry much weight and authority, besides bringing a standard of scholarship, as having come from Andover Newton. Obviously this is so from the fact that they have invited you. Then there are the important points you list: you have a guaranteed ministry till 70: you have a lighter teaching load: and above all you will be able to cooperate annually with the Japanese man.

My only question would be whether, being attached to the Calif. Bapt. Seminary will close some doors of opportunity to you among the churches. But I should think not, after God has given you such an established and blessed preaching ministry in the whole denomination by being their key-note speaker at their Annual Conference (twice?, and I never get over the impression your printed speech made on me, and, of course, I have it now on my shelves): and then I suppose the fact that you are cooperating with the Japanese man, will indicate that you are as available and acceptable as ever to any of the churches.

So my feeling is that it is God guiding you to this new open door. Did we make a mistake when you turned down the offer of becoming dean? I doubt it now, because obviously you would have been increasingly frustrated with a growing younger staff, getting more liberal all the time, and you without power to stop it. Probably it was of God preparing you for this move.

Ever affectionately,



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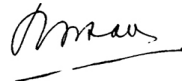
December 19, 1968

Dear Brother Bill:

Thank you ever so much for giving me your news. I'm so sorry to have missed your visit here, but I am ever so glad that you were able to visit both the Elms and Bulstrode. You have been so much part of us for so many years, and I'm especially glad that Len gave you the time for fellowship and to show you round.

It looks as if you will have to take on a kind of absentee ministry, as I do, with about two-thirds of my time, going around. And if your calling is to help in Lynchburg, yet your wife won't move there with you, you'll have to be a commuter! It is so obvious that God has bound your heart so closely with them. Everybody talks of the way Jerry has gone forward, and yet everybody seems to think he takes on too much. But who are we to say that. The plain fact is that God is doing a bigger thing through him than in nearly all of the churches of U.S.A., and Rees Howells always used to say that he would never take criticism except from a person who had done as much as he. And I think that's fair!

Ever yours in Christ,



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December 20, 1968

My dear Brother Jordan:

You have got in front of me this time-with two letters. I have been on the move from the beginning of September up till now, so had to put off much correspondence.

Then this week before your second letter, the copy of "The High Calling of God" arrived. I'm delighted to have it. Until your letter came, I thought that the publishers must have by-passed your "In Christianity or In Christ?" (an excellent title). So I'm very glad to hear from you that this is out too, and that you will be sending me a copy. I shall be keen to get that. This is really a break through in publishing for you, thank God; because it seemed as if they were turning down the first one, and now



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there are two, and with a third one being prepared. This is excellent. I always felt, with the first one that there was a living message for the church in India, and that it was a great mistake not to get it into print. This will now probably mean that it will be easy for you to get others published, and that God is giving you a special ministry in this way. Once one book gets into print, and is well accepted, with God's seal on it, then the door is wide open for others to follow, and with folks ready to read them. Once the Lord gave me the start with the writing of C.T. Studd about thirty-five years ago, it has been easy for there to be a regular flow since then, now about twenty in print, and by God's grace none have been a loss to the publisher. So I'm so glad that there is this new door opened to you in addition to the preaching.

Now with many brotherly greetings in Christ. All blessing on you.

Ever yours in Christ



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December 26, 1968

Dear David:

It is so long since your letter came that you will think that either it had not arrived or I am extinct. But I have been on tour from September through to mid-December, so had to lay aside most of my correspondence until now.

But I am afraid you've got me badly out of my depth. I am not a wide ranging literary man like you. My books have either been about personalities within our own Mission, or sharing what has become real to me in the personal life of the Spirit. So I obviously cannot give you much help. If you have had two books published by Cape and another soon coming out, obviously you are on the move as an author, and I'm glad of that. But I fear I could tell you nothing more on Brainard's life. You have already been put in touch with more books on him than most of us know of. I remember being greatly moved years back either by his journals or Jonathan Edwards' life.

It would seem to me a bold venture to attempt writing on him and the Indians, or other missionaries, and their Indian contacts, without being here yourself to investigate. Actually, the Amer. Indians would

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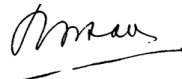
be by no means happy to be called an extinct race. They are pretty vigorously rising up in different parts of the U.S., and claiming some of the rights that have been denied them.

I see that you could take up an interesting theme on the general history of the interaction between missionaries and the nationals of various countries (we don't talk about the "natives" except only in the sense in which we are also natives of our homelands!). You might do this in a more detached way than I would, but I would judge that it would need a balanced handling. You see I would presumably look from a different angle on the ones you call "the rather awful evangelical missionaries in Australia and N.Z." You see I would know that if they were "evangelical missionaries," they certainly could not have been "heathen-hating" (if you meant that to refer to missionaries), because with all our blunderings, we all give our lives to bring the love of God in Christ to them; and the missionaries did that through all the years, whereas their critics did not. So, I should think you would need to be discerning so that you are not (like Pearl Buck) majoring on the minor kind of faults we all surely have, and only minoring on the greatness of the total dedication of missionaries world wide.

Anyhow, I fear this doesn't help you; and even on the question of intensity, I would call Brainard the standard inspiration of young missionaries in the quality of his outpoured burden of soul for the Indians which produced such a mighty revival (rather like praying Hyde in India).

Warmest greetings to you. Yes, Pauline and I were out in Malaga and visited Mrs. Studd's grave. I take it you are living there now. Lovely place.

Ever yours,



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July 31.75

Dear Ray,

Thank you for your card, a line just before we leave tomorrow for a home given us each year by a great friend on Long Island. I expect while there to get down to the story of God's doings in this great new church-

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school setup in Memphis (Southern Baptist), where they really know the ways of the Spirit.

Yes, you are right about God working by us. We don't even "let Him". He does anyhow, and when we think we have missed the mark, He meant us to. That usually is how we learn our greatest lesson in faith. Yes, whether it is a "pastoral visit" or just leaving it for folks to contact us, in both cases the inner relaxing is what matters, so that we are not making up something to say to folks but it comes freely from us as God gives it. Matt. 10.20 is about it.

Miles Stanford is a good brother and gives real light on the identification message of Rom. 6-8. He also gets caught up in these fierce assaults on all of us - holiness, Pentecostal, Billy Graham, A. W. Tozer, myself, Faith at Work and leaving very little out. Never mind. Don't look upon it as if you link with FAW as a kind of rescue agent. No. Come as one who is to learn much from the warmth and freedom of their fellowship. We strict evangelicals don't have all the truth. And as you come to receive and love, folks will also receive from you.

Much love as ever,



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Dec. 24.75

My dear Joe,

I was very glad to get your family letter with so much news of blessing - which is gloriously true worldwide today, isn't it? I was only rejoicing over a letter from our original pioneer into Colombia, just a farm boy from Australia when he went out 42 years ago, with only his fare paid. He is still there (only one furlough), and overwhelmed with the hundreds, even thousands, coming to Christ in that country so fanatical that our folks were stoned and imprisoned, and Colombian pastors martyred. Pat is seeing a harvest of millions in Latin America. This is a day of God's grace, and there wouldn't be the abounding grace if there wasn't the abounding opposition - but grace is winning the day!! And we'll see a revived England coming out of the necessary purging

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after our years of national pride and colonial selfishness. All are God's beautiful and perfect ways!

So glad to hear you are getting on with the History. I have The Early Years here in safe keeping, and have labeled them to return to you should the Lord take me (though He still is pumping in plenty of life!). My son Dan, a professor of English Lit. in a University near Pittsburgh, and with a good witness, would be in charge of my affairs.

Pauline remains about the same, without pain thank God, and so wonderfully cared for by one of our WEC co-workers from England who always had it on her heart to be with her. I keep going around as before, though on shorter journeys so as not to be too long away at a time.

Much love and praise,



CUMB always an inspiration!

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April 4, 1976

Dear Lanny,

That's good about your letter to Wayne. I think some do get a break-thru into new release by tongues. That seems obvious, though it's not a way God has taken me; but also how good that you are the one who can shew them that a break-thru is one thing (though it may seem the "ultimate" at the time), but actually it has to lead on to the meaning of the Ephesians expansion of Eph. 3.17-20, and you can give him that.

Glad of what you say about the Wurmbrand book. I know he sees everything in anti-Moscow terms (like Solzhenitsyn), but as you say, who are we to speak after what they've been thru? Thank you for suggesting the book. I am tempted to say "Send", but I know I have a mountain before me for months. Just finished my small book on this leap of faith in this Memphis church. Has real good things in it, specially for pastors. Called NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE. When it comes, I will send you a copy.

You really have it right about soul-spirit, you are taught of God. I guess what you say of gradual lessening of depression storms is true, certainly I've had really none since my third plunge (as in my autobiography).

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It's good too how clearly you've got it that we do soak up from each other and it becomes our own because it's really the Spirit's inner confirmation; so we don't then have to waste time saying "as so and so says". I'm an almost total plagiarist!!

Wish I could see you. I so enjoy my times with you both.

Loving you,



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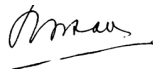
Aug.14

Martha Lee, you precious,

You and Rob are always just "home" for me, both home in your loving welcome and care of me, and most of all "home" in our own intimate love and sharing. But darling, do you know you are SETTLED now? You are in 1Pet.5.10, and the "suffering" with your daughter was God's final way of "fixing" you. So it is no longer a seeking or asking, but a sharing of knowing. Beautiful, my love and you ARE beautiful - altogether.

Thank you, my darling, and thank Rob.

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Sept.10

Darling, Darling,

What a SOLDIER you are! You fill me with joy and admiration in the Spirit. I would surely give you my many hugs if I could.

I just love it the way you have RISEN UP after blows and insults devastating, if just ourselves (that lie of the independent self!) - with the disgraceful way your husband treated you, and you losing your lovely home and then in your FAITHFULNESS in your church, they drop you, and at bottom it is that you have too piercing a sword of truth which you wield and they, good external evangelical folks, can't "take" that. So you've had plenty of the privilege of the cross, but, but, you are

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WALKING ON THE STORMY WATERS, not sinking in them!! More than conqueror! I love you. But beyond all love of mine is the supreme thrill of seeing and knowing that you are "TAUGHT" of God in your perfect INNER KNOWING! Darling, I just laugh at you moaning about not being able to explain yourself and give truth! Your letter to me RADIATES TRUTH and in perfection. You have it and put it JUST RIGHT - you truly truly know what I fear all at your church don't know - (though there may always be scattered hidden "knowers"). Beautiful and glorious. What a difference between what you simply plainly say in this letter in your answers to this psycho-therapist. What you send me from him is pure darkness and confusion!!! You had ALL THRU in a few sentences!! GLORIOUS. No, darling, don't kid yourself or take it you are deceived. The TRUE LIGHT shines out of you, but the importance is always to remember and tell all that your authority is GOD'S WRITTEN WORD (in that your church is right but the real inner word is hidden from them!). But that is where we stand against deceit. We don't claim we can't be deceived, indeed we have all started deceived since the Fall, but we have been given this outer secure written revelation BUT BUT BUT then it has to be inwardly interpreted to us by the Spirit, or the very word is dead, as Jesus told the Pharisees; and that WORD is ALIVE TO MY Karen.

So darling, I greatly rejoice. I have never had in all my many letters from my Karen such pure streams of pure light as in your present description of your answers to that psycho man. No, no, don't deceive or falsely condemn yourself; you have ALL THE WEAPONS in your armoury and marvellously used by you as in this letter. So now don't hold back as if you can't give the truth. YES YOU CAN in all the simplicity of our "total".

I enclose an article I wrote - THE MISSING SECRET. I think you already have that old one NO INDEP SELF, but I also enclose. Just only echoing what my loved loved Karen is saying in perfect words! So SIMPLE, and that is exactly why complicated fallen self mind, which is really Satan's mind, thinks it superior by saying its twisted explanations by many diagrams, and despises that "little child's" simplicity which is GOD'S SIMPLICITY!! Does not Einstein's  $E=MC^2$  look simple?? What mathematical depths lie behind it!!! So my Karen. So GO RIGHT AHEAD, my darling.

Then I love your soldier spirit is deliberately choosing to identify with the non-Christians, such as now identifying with this Jewish teacher and in all your boldness. You are not snared and you are SAFE,

because you KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND WILL BE BOLD IN DECLARING IT. You see there is such a subtle snare in this talk of Judeo-Christian links. Judaism without Christ and the Cross is SATAN'S LIE, and you will pay a price, my darling, no, HE will pay it in your form, to His glory, when you stand for truth in discussions with her class. No DEVIATIONS. Truth ONLY THRU CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED!

So I just love your boldness in mingling with them and seeing your calling in reaching out to the non-Christian world. Beautiful and greatly refreshing to me.

That's a shock about our friend. Maybe this is where many who've heard him giving his great sermon-teachings and think it's all ok and smooth with him will now HOPEFULLY see CHRIST EQUALLY MAGNIFIED IN A WHEELCHAIR PASTOR! I just hope and believe so, which makes me say, darling, that all the more I don't think you should hold up from a personal letter to him, not just being dropped when you have so long ministered among them, but have not withheld truth even from him. NO! I am sure you should communicate once with him by letter. It is a chance also to sympathize with his leg-break and your assurance that his folks will see Christ magnified in him (Paul's "whether by life or death" in Philippians 1:20!) in his suffering process. He is going the ordained way of Hebrews 2:10, you in your way but he in his, and in writing, you will be able once again to affirm your glorious inner "knowing", as to that psycho man. Maybe you could even include to him this MISSING TRUTH thing as from me with my love! So don't fail to do this. Ralph's loving acceptance of you is beautiful, but it also NEEDS your own radical word when you have had such an input to them all these years.

So there we are my darling, greatly rejoicing. I am coming out of my woodwork now and starting a five week southern tour with my Sandie next week. Then they have asked me for a Castro Valley weekend at Thanksgiving with our loved Bill Bower, so I then shall also plan a visit to LA. I must not miss being with my Karen. So be sure to make time for this!!

Yes, love, you can hold up about the book-writing till God's time. I only know writing on my two dozen or so books, and lots of articles by writing what just pours out of me just as talking does. Writing to me is only putting on paper what I'm usually saying by word!

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Sandie, as usual, is EVERYTHING to me and says she won't let me go over West without coming with me. Pris goes on quietly and lovingly and much better.

Yes that is GLORIOUS when you quietly tell them this life is NOT STRUGGLE, AND YOUR OWN STORMY PERIODS PROVE THAT! GO AHEAD!

So with rivers of love,



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Sept.22.81

Joan Dearest,

I'm so glad you have written again, dear, so that we may "dig" together.

Dear, obviously self-condemnation really "bugs" you. You see, God in His perfect love MEANS all that comes to us, good or evil (that is I see good/evil with the mature eyes of Heb. 5.14). So you start by PRAISING Him that He means you to have these faith-slips into false fears, etc., and "reactions that overwhelm" you.

Then you see, dear, you have only one temptation and sin to watch out for (and we all have plenty of it) of negative believing - in other words believing in something or some one which appears evil (read John 19.11). But even then, when you do so believe negatively (and I spend my life starting with that every time!) then that is not sin, but temptation to which we have responded a little and been enticed (James 1.14), but we only "sin" when we deliberately choose to continue in it- which we don't!

So, dear, the secret is to pick yourself up again and again when you have all kinds of temptations (just as I do) to follow your negative believing in unpleasant appearances, and as quick as you can, transfer to believing the "invisible" fact that The Perfect Spirit actually means you to have this "combat with unbelief" to give you practice in finding that it was HIS means of newly manifesting Himself, just as you describe later in your letter.

You say "reaction is so great it overwhelms me". Well, love, still PRAISE that the Spirit means you to "feel" overwhelmed, but you NEVER ARE!!

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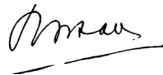
You are NOT “double minded”. You only appear so on your soul level which is external bluff, really Satan inserting a dose of his self-for-self stuff into your soul.

Yes, dear, of course, you “love God”. But that may not be a soul-consciousness, but just a Spirit-fact and in the relationships of eternal Spirit, we aren't necessarily soul-conscious, but just ARE in Eternal Spirit-fact, and thus He trains and establishes us (I Pet. 4.10) in just BEING. And the inner witness of I John 5.10 just settles in, in HIS time.

So write again, dear. My precious Pauline has just gone to the Lord to Whom she longed to go. I enclose what I've written to let a few friends know. I rejoice with her. It leaves Sandie and me with the care of my precious daughter Pris who has some mental disturbance, so we watch for the ways in which the Lord will make it possible for us to continue our travels and visits (as to you all) because we can't leave our precious Pris; and the dear one who was with us six years for Pauline has not the same calling for Pris - and quite rightly so. So we watch for deliverance!

Loving you, dearest, and anyhow write me again so that we can continue to talk these vital things out.

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Oct.5.81

Dearest Leslie & Jill,

Thank you dear ones for sparing the time to write. Yes, this is a time of great rejoicing to me both that Pauline is now with Jesus as she has longed to be these recent years of physical helplessness; and also as I marvel at the Lord bringing us together in our 62 years partnership, as I well know that has been God's anchor for me all these WEC- building days, and her outpoured life for Jesus has freed me all these years to continue our calling, both in WEC and now Union Life. She has truly been the “intercessor” behind all that God has done or is doing.

And how I thank God for the closeness we have had together all these years, and how thankful I am that you are two with whom I can sit and share with no strings or reservations attached, each of us backing the other in our share of the Body-ministry.

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I think it marvellous also how the Lord has brought in Patrick to follow you on. His methods may be different, but he is an amazing gift of God with your same vision a challenge, and he could have had many other openings besides WEC. Meanwhile we will be watching the Lord providing your own special successor for LOOK, etc., with its great value.

So thank you, Leslie and Jill, and hope to be with you again next year.

ever lovingly



Dec.26.82

DeeDee my darling,

What a letter. None kind of "us" were there like you, following thru with us from place to place. I wonder if the opportunity will really come for us to travel together. I would love more and more plunging to the depths with you.

You say such things, my precious, about me being with you. Yes, the more we just ARE HE, the more simple and natural we are. We don't put on anything, do we, either in our behaviour or sharing with others. I know no way of being a "missionary" except to be my free self, and share, as occasion arises, what just comes out of me at the moment. I plan nothing, and often what "comes out" is silence until the inner flow begins flowing! The same in "prayer". That's why I don't really like any occasion when I am "supposed" to pray - as at meals. I only really like it when I'm silent until I can't help it, and out it comes! So we are just ordinary lovers to each other, and out comes the Spirit as He pleases!

I didn't really enter into all you are going thru about the house as I would now like to. But I take it that, as you & Gary are clear in God's leading you to launch into it, you now just live in the present, and thus meet every new expense as it arises, cutting where you see you should cut, and going forward where you see it right. I think the supreme point, darling, is that stage by stage you walk in inner peace and rest that that is how God means it to be, and act accordingly. Thus when the emotions are disturbed, as with the fees, you pass thru the first negative soul-

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reactions, and then recognise them as sent by God as the negative background to seeing it all as HE; and the peace swallows up the rage! And so again and again. Certainly 2 Cor.4.7-12 is standard for all our lives. And this is intercession, for the house to be a coming life-centre. Yes, yes, darling, you are right when you see the chief importance for you is to keep replacing what appears mountains are really plains on which His supply rolls in. You are being beautifully processed as a "good soldier" in the fight of faith, the "fight" to remain believing!

Yours is such a letter, darling, and I should love all further details, to continue along with you, and then you add to it this loving gift. Thank you, my darling. You have poured out so much, and I would be inclined to say "too much" in your love, and yet I thank the Lord and you.

Yes, in one sense we shall always live in the "chopper". That is our "father" privilege and glory, but I can only say you hardly feel the chopper because of the glory. Paul said it again in 2 Cor. 4.17.

So I love you, more and more all the time and love all the sharing we can have. We are without doubt in the highest calling in the body of Christ - to know ourselves and then bring them their highest.



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Nov. 10, 1983

Dear Nan

Thank you, my dear, for all you share, and of our former living contacts. But actually the best news is the last - that Evan has lent you YES I AM. You see, my dear, you ARE THROUGH in the fact that when Satan expressed his nature by you in your unsaved days, now by the body-death of Jesus, Satan is out for keeps and Christ is in - fixed. Satan gets at us by outer temptation, but those are only external scratches, and NEVER TAKE CONDEMNATION for those (Rom. 8:1), for Jesus was perfectly tempted, but that's not sin! Then as you accept the right of Satan to get at you as we are in his world, we are then free to say we've "died" to him, and we recognise ourselves as Christ in us as us, and we turn the negative temptations into positive channels for love in place of hate, faith in place of fear etc - so temptations are assets (James 1!). And also we now discover our human selves were never either bad or good, but with no nature of their own, express the deity nature; and so we get

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back our precious selves which God created as His means of expression. We've changed vines of which we were and now are branches (Branches have no nature of their own!). Rom. 6:21,22!

So Rise up, dear one, affirm who you ARE, out of Rom.7, permanently in Rom. 8, and as you confess with your mouth you live in Gal. 2:20, the Spirit will confirm to you that you are now He in your form. Read this over carefully in YES I AM and you will see this more thoroughly explained. Then write me again, and please give my love to Evan and Jenny, and so glad they lent you the book.

No, you don't remain hungry. Read John 6:35. HE in you as you is completion!!

Lovingly and write again,



Jacob Boehme and William Law are foundations to me. C.S Lewis loved your MacDonald. No dear, no journey is uphill. Only looks like that to negative believing. SEE that God means all that comes to you which might appear from Satan, then praise, rejoice and name what you want God to do!

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May 24.85

My dear Steve & Bertha

(got that right this time!!)

It was lovely being with you again after all these years. Thank you so much for suggesting that we come to you, and I am so sorry for the extra trouble in giving you the wrong week, but you still managed to have us.

We have always had such fellowship in the Spirit, right back to those earlier days, so it was just good to be with you and share a little of our one priceless secret and reality - Christ Himself not only living in us, but being our very life, and we able to accept and be ourselves, because it is really always HE as us. Hungry folks are reaching out for this, when any are hungry enough to be dissatisfied with their lives of trying by themselves to be better folk! I was so thankful that the Lord led for the pastor to be there just when we arrived and invited us to share the evening meeting with them and the living Word was sealed of the Spirit.

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I loved those quiet hours in the garden and enjoying what you shared of the birds and their ways and the cow and the goose! And the friends they all make with you, for they sense love. One day the whole earth will be like that!

How I wish you could be in touch with some of our folks who know the same living secret. I will also remember your very kind invitation if some missionary or worker needs a few quiet days. I loved being in that quiet spot with you.

Thank you so much.

ever with my love,



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Portland, Ore
Oct.5.85

Marian darling,

What a letter! Thrilled to get it. Thank you, darling for sparing the time to write. I loved also your reference to my loved Cally in the YES I AM book. It took just about twenty years for that full light to become mid-day sun in her, after years of battling with undervaluing of herself, because she still thought she had an independent self of her own. And now this from you, darling. And how that leaping joy comes out of what you write. It possesses you when the real "knowing" comes.

It is just as simple as you say - just BEING. Lovely you had that time with my Sandie who is herself becoming such a transmitter. There just is a great gap between head-knowing (which is good and necessary based on the outer word as the stepping stone), but a world apart from our inner Knowing and Being. You are now indeed one of the world marching army!

I love you too, darling, in all your loving service as He (even before the now total knowing) as I kept seeing you pouring yourself out in serving us all.

So thank you darling, fellow "I AM-ER".

Loving you and rejoicing with you,



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Norman Percy Grubb

San Antonio, Texas  
Ap.14, 1986

My dear Wallace,

What a wonderful loving letter from you. How I wish we had more chances of being together. Together with our loved Abram, you are far the closest in the Spirit with whom I've had contacts in what we used to call ICL! I always had living depth-touch with Abram, and of course with you, linked with our loved Marian. Also I always have to thank you for introducing me to our loved Bob and Evelyn Lock.

Fancy you taking time to 'dig' further into WHO AM I and YES I AM. You have surely exposed the danger of mistranslation in all these modern versions when you point out that the International Version calls flesh "sinful nature". Simply no grounds for that! I simply find it the great release to be able to accept my human self (call it "flesh" as God was manifest in it! I Tim. 3.16), as a God-created neutrality (no "good thing" in it, Rom. 7:18), but equally no bad, and therefore able to accept my human self as OK. as you assuredly have been all these years in giving yourself in France and Britain to bring Him to those in leadership. Thus with no condemnations, and learning to recognise that the pulls of Satan thru my flesh have their real danger in making me slip back to independent response (I shouldn't, etc.), and then that response of independent self is Satan's hold on me: and back I come, never denying Satan's right to pull in this dark world, but back to affirming who I am, Christ as me - and light swallows up darkness. So very simple but violently opposed by my fellow evangelical believers (Dave Hunt has just published a book including me as dangerously teaching "self-deification". Wow! Poor God, if it is me!). But I and those who see with us are largely cut off from "official" evangelical circles. (But in that sense I am thankful that I do retain living touch with Doug and especially also Roy Cook with whom I had close touch in Bermuda and the Spirit has really brought light to him on these realities, so he is quite a "light" among them in Washington.)

Yes, I have loved much in that change of emphasis from "pray-so" to "say-so", and using the "word of faith", and spurring on my Weccers in this respect. Rees Howells was such an inspiration and Spirit-educator to me in those ways.

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So, thank you, Wallace, for taking time to write. I keep going, driven around by my granddaughter Sandie and mainly to house groups.

With my much love,

Love to Frances,



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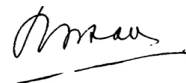
September 9, 1987

Helen & Freda, dearests,

What a thrill of a letter -as you two dear ones have "wholly" followed these years since they threw you out (excellent!) of the actual church building you built - and to what?? Something far more vast and INCONCEIVABLE. Still and always AMAZING - but it is JUST GOD. Not different from what He constantly told Abraham's increasing family that if they would trust and obey Him amidst the snares of more popular forms of devotion of those days - idols, etc.-much our materialism of these days- then they would surely find He "makes our way prosperous and makes us have good success!" which is what He told Joshua and what "success" to probably the most successful general of history; and haven't you two your way, and I now with my Sandie, my way proved just that?!! I am old enough now to sit down in my Garden of Eden patch under my trees (and I always longed for a quiet tree spot) and trace the amazements - almost jokes, seemingly coincidences of all these years since the Lord got me at 18, just before World War I, and as I witnessed to my fellow soldiers even to the moment when we finally went "over the top" at Passé dale, how true. Four times precious men lay dead within inches of me - and here I am in Ps. 91.7, and much more than the outer physical, all those assaults that could make us "fall" inwardly effectively diverted! So surely with you two dear ones as I stand amazed at the present!

So thank you, darlings both, and wishing I could see being with you, and always that joy springing out!!!

Always loving you and thank you,



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Norman Percy Grubb

Jan.1.88

Jack & Alice darlings,

Whatever can I say when I open this amazing parcel, wrap on wrap, and find the picture within! Not only the picture was beautiful (at least half of it) and I had not remembered there was such a picture (and it is JUST RIGHT OF MY BELOVED PAULINE, JUST AS SHE ALWAYS WAS), but I don't know when I've seen such a frame and wherever you got it! The frame itself is BEAUTIFUL! Of course that meant I lost out at once, because Sandie said, "No one will see it on your desk but one or two", but she at once put it in a prominent place in her well-visited living room! And not only that, you precious ones, but what you wrote with it in that beautiful script, and the word which brings back all our years of getting together. Those famous meetings of me at the Railway Station and/or Lakeside hours and all the myriad home times and folks who gathered, including the Barn folks and even the pastor - at least he well heard, and now the living link-up among you. So thank you, my darlings, and one thing always stands out and that was seeing you, Jack, labouring away with the dishes and preparations while we did the talking! So many times "I am among you as He that serveth." "Rewards" will get into focus that day, and of course the only real reward is that HE WAS GLORIFIED AMONG US. So ALL THANKS. I was moved when Vanessa recently wrote that she was so moved at you inviting them and then to the Thanksgiving. Loves, I think that a real touch of the freedom of love-fellowship to which they rarely (but underneath hungrily) know. REPEAT. A winning stroke.

So just - EVERYTHING, you precious ones, but ABOVE ALL JUST OURSELVES BOUND TOGETHER AS HE AS US, and taking no notice while some fussers tend to see kinks in us. WE SEE JESUS.

So thank you from my heart, you darlings,



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May 13.89

My dear Florence and you dear "His Fellowship",

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My breath was taken away from me last night when my Sandie brought this beautiful package of fruit and goodies, and after digging into them, Sandie found this card from you all! Thank you indeed, and such a gift. Sandie brought me the cans of peanuts which I love, and then shewed me the very special packages of cheese which she said are of a special kind, and then all the fruit. What a caring love-gift and again thank you!

I have already told you how refreshed I was by our visit together and finding your depth of Spirit-understanding and interest in the Rees Howells ministry, and as I told you, only later I remembered your contacting me years back and I finding you the only ones who seemed to have eyes to see!

And now there is this pamphlet on Holy Spirit possession. I read that with great interest and consider it the clearest and most thorough of anything written which deeply analyses that tremendous "surrender battle" Rees Howells had which Fixed him as a very rare Holy Spirit possessed and operated man, and giving depth to the true meaning of what is commonly called "surrender". I have not seen anywhere else a real attempt at depth analysis of what those chapters in the Rees Howells book describe as the process by which that Spirit did get final and total possession. No wonder it is still true that those who know and are operated by the "total" are still as Jesus said, "Few few there be that find it". No wonder it is still few that come the full course and join those of whom Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God" and my loved Kierkegaard defines purity of heart as "to will one will"! And that final battle of RH on the will is a perfect presentation of that.

Lovingly,



Jan.14

Darling,

Yours is a precious letter. I love getting closer in heart. Solid rock in the Spirit. Not many women like you.

Norman Percy Grubb

And here is the Lord solidifying you by taking you thru emotional pulls, and you doing the only thing and perfect purpose of them, accepting, not fighting, and no certainty of when, where or how they cease to pull, but you deliberately turning them into your true eternal marriage, whatever the outer may be, and boldly affirming that I Cor. 7:34 verse. Darling, you are BEAUTIFUL to God, and you may know for sure He is fixing you in a life which will be, like mine is to me, a stream of thankfulness and rivers to others. I love your total words. "Anything more fulfilling?" I say, "NO!"

Darling, it seems to me the Spirit gives you HIS confirmation His own clever way, and that is all that is roused in you when the pastor gives exhorts with no hint of how to experience them and as you hear him, you are rejoicing at your own "elation" and saying I AM FREE. Darling, isn't that HIS confirmation by inner knowing which wells up when there is a touch of self-effort-dark around? I think so. How few really know.

ever with ever increasing love,



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Feb.12

My dear Bill,

You are overwhelming. You are the nearest I know to our modern Book of Proverbs! My only regret is that in that pile of correspondence mounting and filed away each year, I only wish I could extract all your letters. I have continually said your letters are THE riches, but need editing for normal Magazine consumption, or else some just tying together of sentences like Proverbs. There are enough in the nets of the present letter to be an array of Christmas lights!

So again thank you for this glittering chain worthy of Queen Eliz's neck!

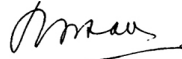
I just can't repeat back as I would like to from these present pages "Spirit is woundless and that is where we live." "Pain is soul-nourishing." "Likes and dislikes are soul-reactions." "When someone speaks of negatives within us, it is reflecting on our Known God Who is nothing but Positive." "We no longer have a message since we ARE the message." "Submission to God is seeing God only and this is a

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spontaneous resisting of Satan as in James 4.7." "Law already fulfilled in Christ known as LOVE only." "We think His thoughts after Him."

How my heart goes so fully with all you write.

All my abounding love,



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May 9

Claire dearest,

Just returned home last night and found yours here. Yes, they were precious times together. Specially our own times together.

You've taken me out of my depth in this eating problem as I've never had it or took no notice of it! I still must say that we see HIM only as us, and take no condemnations; but if our desire is not to overdo the eating, then we walk in faith that HE will keep us from eating too much, and we have set our faith on His keeping power. Let's keep battling away at this and love and accept ourselves as we are. I have to practice that as much as you.

Let's hear again, love. Any letter will be sent on.

We ARE He as us

loving you all,



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May 19

Darling,

Thank you for the last note. Off tomorrow.

Yes, God plays His love-tricks on us, and yours was desperation about eating, and HE has forced you into caring for nothing but HE AS YOU. Yes, beautiful. I told you I revelled in our whole-hearted sharing, leading to HIM ALL IN ALL.

Just loving you, darling



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Norman Percy Grubb

August 16

Joan dear,

Good to hear from you again, but the letter came on to me without envelope, and I only have an old address on my file and hope this reaches you!

Love, if the inner witness does not appear to have come to you, as John says it is inherent in the believing in I John 5.10, then it means, love, you are still looking outside yourself for some kind of assurance; and the Spirit won't witness until you are totally content with the given FACT which is yours and as you say, you know it - that HE is HIMSELF IN YOU AS YOU, and you keep busy just affirming that and not looking round for what you may think will be what you call "the experience of it". YOU ARE, YOU ARE, and that's all. YOU ARE HE IN YOUR JOAN FORM.

So now, dear, let's be sure we have our meeting together when I come October, hoping this address finds you.

My love as ever



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August 30

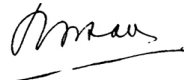
Thank you, Judy dearest, for your good one just arrived. So glad you share with me. You don't make plain what was the cause of the "valley of shadow". I got that when finally confronted with having to bring to my Africans what was not yet a "total" for myself. But there is, as Jesus said in the Sower parable, those who have "honest and good hearts" and there the seed falls and fructifies. Paul was that (see 2 Tim. 2.3), and though apparently totally obsessed with self (Phil. 3:4-6) in actual fact, beneath all that, was a heart for God, not himself; and so when he saw the difference in the dying of Stephen, he knew there was the missing key - and he found it by desperation, which he said God called "sinning thru ignorance" (1 Tim. 1.13). So do you, darling, and your darkness periods prove that, and thus end in light. There IS a "pure in heart" which sees God, but it goes way beyond the normal objective evangelical position. It has to become totally subjective, that "flight of the alone to

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The Alone". You are on that flight. Then those dark plunges don't hurt too much, for we "know".

I like to hear "the substance has come". My typing is hopefully a little more shaky than His faith as me!!

Love you, dearest. This the best from you.



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Dear Ester,

It was good and interesting to get your annual letter and a personal note. Thank you ever so much.

It is really marvellous how the Lord has picked you up in I suppose what we should call your retirement years and given you this wholly new ministry, as God's agent in Brazil.

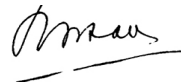
Fancy you mentioning also teaching a Xingo (we used to call it as Shingu, if as I take it, it refers to that enormous rapid-studded tributary of the Amazon). My brother, Kenneth, was one of the first ever to go down it. Fancy it now being opened up to civilization, and you teaching one of them.

You ask about a book on witnessing. I am told that "How to give away your faith" by Little is good.

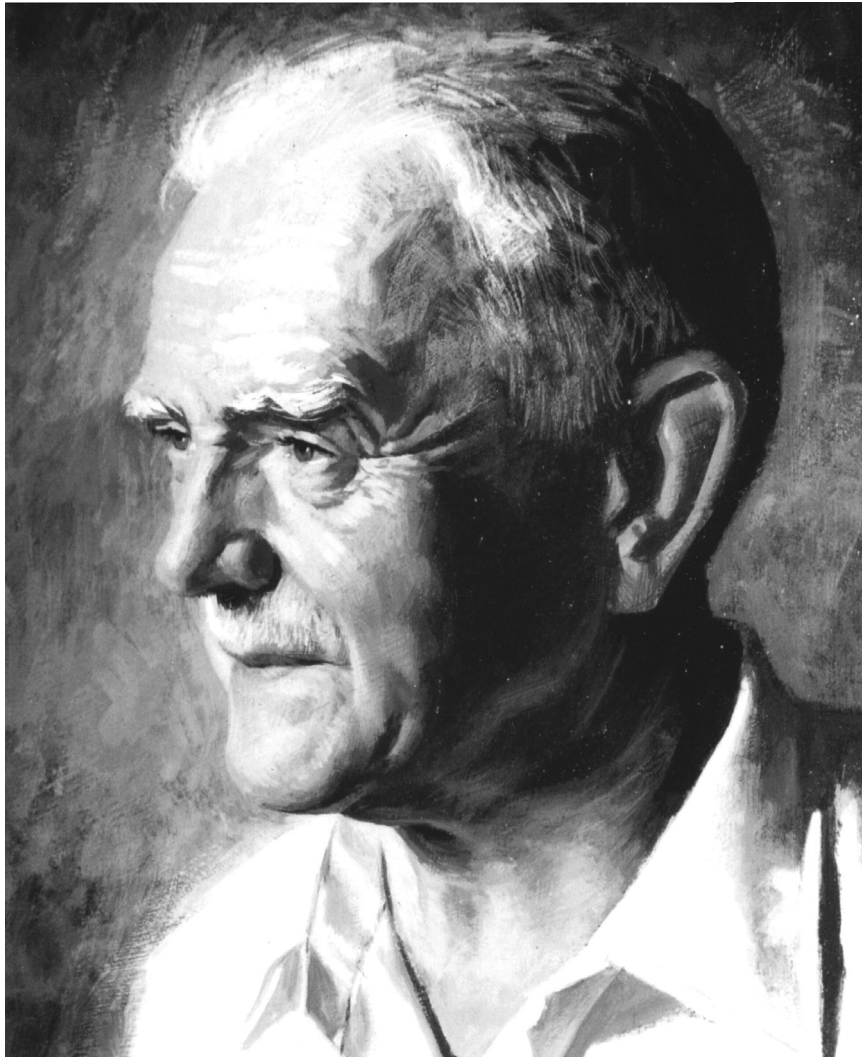
Also your interesting question on enjoying God! I find my answer not on me enjoying Him, but as I know Him as my joy, then my joy (really His in me) is the natural reaction. I learned a great lesson when I saw that I in myself can never have love, joy or anything. They are not abstract things that become part of me. But as I saw that God Himself is the love, joy, peace, everything then by recognising Him in me as such, there is the consciousness of the love, joy, peace - really He in and by me. So that enjoying God is really God as the joy in me expressed thru me!

Just this with my love, dear, and thanking God for our years of fellowship,

ever affectionately,



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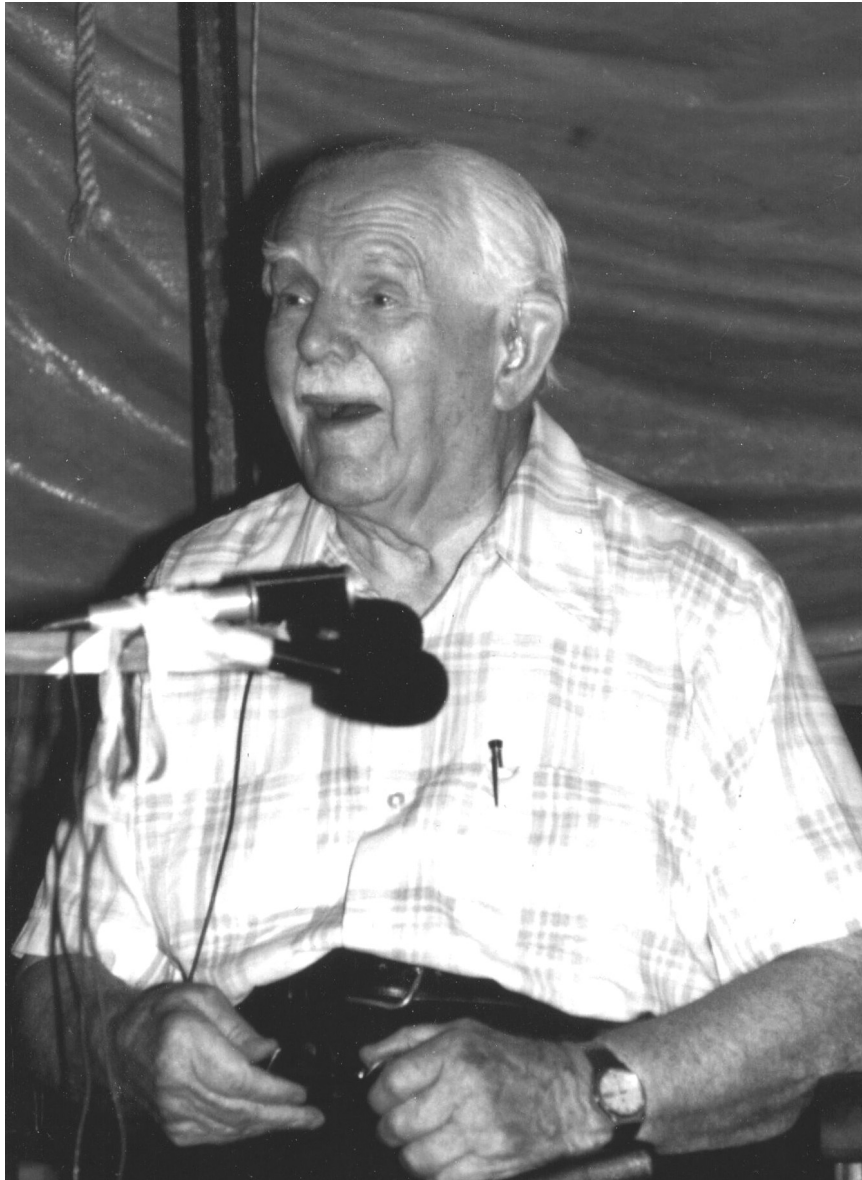
Portrait by Jim Seward which hung in Fellowship House of I.C.L.



Norman and his beloved Snuffy



Norman and Sandy boating



Speaking at our September Meeting



In the Belgian Congo 1923

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Norman Grubb', with a long, sweeping underline.

Norman Grubb Signature



98th Birthday August 2, 1993



W.E.C. Letterhead

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available

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over

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Norman's "famous" Handwriting

Heart of Africa Mission.

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HON. TREASURER:
H. AVELING BAKER, Esq.

October 16th. 1917.

HON. SECRETARY:
Mrs. C. T. STUDD.

Dear Mr. Grubb,

I have had your name and address given to me by my son in law the Rev. G. A. Barclay, who tells me that you are very keenly interested in all missionary work. I am therefore taking the liberty of sending you a small packet of our literature, a copy of each of my husband's booklet and our magazine for your kind acceptance and perusal. If when you have read the same you have the opportunity for distributing any of the same would like some free for this purpose, if you will let me know I shall be very pleased indeed to forward you a small parcel,

We are most anxious to gain the prayers of God's children for this work and take this means of gaining new friends for it, and God has greatly blessed the circulation of our literature, and many have been led to pray for us through reading it and thus are helping in our great objective, the Evangelisation of the world in this generation. Might I ask for your prayers also for this?

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

C. T. Studd
(Mrs. C. T. S.)
(Hon. Sec.)

AUTHORS

Above all he was a man of faith: open to examine all things to see if they be of God: prepared to examine everything in an objective way.

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Your sole object being to help other folks enter into the reality of "Christ liveth in me". Those things which are eternally true cannot help but be accepted eventually.

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With gratitude towards my Lord, I consider Norman as one of my dearest spiritual fathers.

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His impact on our lives will never be forgotten!

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Norman Percy Grubb

September 11, 1958

Dear Dorrie:

Thank you for your good letter - with plenty of spice in it!

Thank you indeed for your offer to send out the books, and at the special price. Actually I did not know I could approach Lutterworth on this basis, and I have never done so with all previous books - and the reason is, solemn warnings from the C.L.C.! I am sure I remember you folks telling me that I should not be able to get wholesale privileges from Lutterworth, but must thankfully accept what I could get through C.L.C. No wonder you are able to buy a magnificent new H.Q.!! (in which, by the way, I am keen to visit you!) anyhow, thanks ever so much. I haven't yet got down to the books I want to distribute, as I was caught up with a Conference in Canada, and have only now returned to a pile of mail. So I will consider whether to try out Lutterworth, or just order through you.

I will send you along a CHRISTIANITY TODAY, the more I read it, the more I find it really rich. At last we are approaching in it Billy's standard of "scholarship on fire" - perhaps a bit more scholarship than fire, but rich all the same. Here we have really scholarly, yet firmly evangelical articles facing life in all aspects. Its commentaries on matters of Christian interest worldwide, and finally, as I mentioned, its book reviews really hit the spot. It puts a paper like "The Life of Faith" right in the shade, but of course it is fair to say that its appeal will be far more to the minister than the layman except for the serious reader.

Of course I really see your point that bookshops must cater for sales, and I fear you are right that not too much comes from evangelical pens which can compete with the liberals. However, I think they are improving on this line over here. But I agree with you in giving CLC its crown for such efforts as "THE DAY OF POWER", and as we remain wide open to the chance of publishing better books, they will come to us.

No more now. I was glad to hear from Charleton. Mrs. Woods spoke most thankfully for your letter to her, and the sale of the book. Thank you for handling this, it was a real help.

Much love in which I know Ma Rubi would join,

Ever yours in the Crusade,



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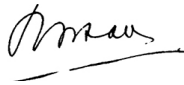
September 23, 1958

Dear Brother Earl:

Many thanks for your card. The book will be on display in a day or two. You will detect the usual traces of J. B., and I have also got a great deal of light from that tremendous commentary on Romans by Karl Barth. He is supposed to be a bit of a heretic, but light poured into me from things he said, and there also I saw signs of J. B.

Thank you for the gift of \$3.00. I will hope to see you next June, God willing, if not before, as I expect to be visiting the West again then.

Ever yours,



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November 5, 1958

Dear Brother Merle:

Thank you for writing so fully. I have tried to dig deeper in that little book, getting down to the structure of things, along the line of the interaction of opposites — the dialectic. I find folks are intensely interested when I begin a talk on these lines, and sense something; but don't think I am yet able to put them in writing in a way which grips readers. I shall have another shot soon. We really need a reinterpreter in plain simple English of the marvellous insights God gave Jacob Boehme.

Sorry for the clash of words! It will be interesting to see if you dig up something explosive in this small book! I wonder very much whether the Spirit of God is not moving away from the tight fundamentalists who "make a man an offender for a word" and moving over to hungry hearts who respond to any presentation which points them to The Living Word. There are many signs that God is on the move these days in the wider circles of what we call 'nominal' Churchianity. Doors are opening increasingly all over the place, and anyhow the strict Evangelicals have never been too fond of C.T.S. or ourselves, so we are used to it!

But glad and strengthened by your own word of loving fellowship which I wholly reciprocate. You do go further than others, thank God,

Norman Percy Grubb

and I find traces of you in different places; so glad that you swallow hard and still accept us!

Thank you for your loving invitation. I doubt whether I can do it. I am tied up right now until late July, and then move, D.V., to West Africa for six months at end Sept.

Very interested about your new Bible School. I had heard of it. We're on the point of starting something also, partly because we feel there are certain principles we want to inculcate into our recruits and partly because practically no Bible School will back us, except Bethany.

All God's blessing,

Ever your friend in Christ,

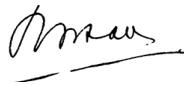
  
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Feb. 23

Thank you, Betty darling.

Fancy you getting into my spiritual mother, Mrs. Penn Lewis. It was thru her writings and then when talking with her about 1925, that the Spirit lit that full light in me — who you and I really ARE — HE in our forms; He as us, and then we stretch out, don't we, and see GOD ONLY IN THE UNIVERSE, whether thru evil or good! Yes, I loved and learned thru Mrs. Penn.

My much love


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April 13, 1960

Dear Mrs. Downey,

Lena has written to tell me of your desire to know of a good Bible commentary, and that God has blessed the books to you, such as "The Liberating Secret". I'm so glad to hear this, and wish I was nearer, and could see you personally.

There are so many commentaries that it is difficult to advise. Sidlow Baxter, who is an English minister now occupied in conference work



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over here, has a good recent one of several volumes. Then there is a great G. Campbell Morgan. If you want the most wonderful little books on the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible, there are the five little books by C.H. Machintosh. If we could help you by ordering one of these sets for you (I rather think Campbell Morgan has a one volume commentary out by now), I will do my best. I send under separate cover our own book catalogue and you will find some listed there.

You also mentioned about a modern translation. The best Bible with notes, at least easiest to read, is Schofield's, although it is the King James version. For modern translations of the Epistles, Phillips is most illuminating. There is also the Amplified New Testament.

I'll be glad to hear from you, if you care to write further. I will also enclose a copy of our magazine which the Lord blesses to readers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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March 30, 1961

Dear Brother Ferre,

How much I appreciated the warmth of your welcome and fellowship when I visited you two weeks ago. It was a real blessing to talk with you and find our oneness in Christ. I have already been busy contradicting some peoples' ideas of what you do or don't believe! The brochure you gave me on "Meeting God Through the Bible" has been helpful, as I have passed them on to one or another, and people have had their eyes opened to the warmth of your love for Christ and the Scriptures.

I was interested in many things you said, of course, and particularly of your differences in conviction from Paul Tillich. I have read your article in the Scottish Journal of Theology but I want to reread it to get its points more clearly. Of course I am with you in your affirmations of the personality of God and eternal life. I am not capable of saying much, because I have not read Tillich beyond a few bits and pieces, but I would be inclined to believe and hope that his heart faith is more living than his philosophical arguments might appear to show.

Norman Percy Grubb

I shall take advantage of your kind and gracious suggestion that I read "Know Your Faith" and comment on it later to you. I shall hope to do this when travelling over to England by sea in mid-April.

You kindly said that you would accept a copy of a small book "The Deep Things of God". I actually attempted from my Evangelical and Biblical basis to interpret what I believe to be the truths about God and man, about some of which I first received enlightenment through Jacob Boehme. So Paul Tillich and I claim the same grandfather!!

Thanking you again, and I shall make a point of calling on you again when in Boston next in late September, if you are there then.

Sincerely,

Your brother in Christ,



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December 9, 1967

Dear Elsie,

Glad to hear again from you. I am sending along a copy of this book - "Spontaneous You".

You have dug quite a bit if you have got down to the "mystics" you mention, because you have touched some of the greatest there, but also some of the most difficult, because theirs is not just the devotional approach, but a real opening up of God Himself and His ways with man - Eckhart, Law and Boehme. But go ahead, you are on good lines. Our more modern writings are just the skim milk, or at least only an interpretation on simpler terms on the great revelation through these men.

But I'm so glad you shared with me your heart and mind openings along these lines and hope you will continue to do so.

Ever affectionately,



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Ap. 14.68

Darling,

Forgot one thing. Bring that Lanyon book back with you, "I Came", as I need these Lanyon books for others - unless of course you want longer for reading it - but I don't expect precious busy Alice has much time for that - you have all he says already hidden in your heart - "life hid with Christ in God"!

All my love,



April 30, 1968

My dear Lydia:

Yours came this morning, and anyhow I was about to write to you. I have had time the past few days to make the final revisions on quite a large part of the memoirs. There are rarely corrections; but here and there right through the MS, there are passages which I find need some rewriting, not a great many, but they may amount to ten or twelve sheets in the end, or paragraphs on sheets. I just wanted to ask you whether when there are passages to be recopied, I can then gather them together and send to you. I would be grateful if I can do this.

Now as to the remainder of your letter, of course, I am thrilled. Obviously you are "conditioned" (safe!) to understand what Troward is so marvellously putting into words, and like you, I have found him enormously confirming when I'm able to transpose his pronouns into my own language! It is thrilling that the One Person realization has come through to you like this.

As to the Troward books, I have four more - "Edinburgh Lectures": "The Law and the Word": "Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning": "The Creative Process in the Individual."

You would be welcome to borrow any of these. They are in a stained condition because they went through the "blitz" of our house in London. If you wanted to fetch any of them while I am away, they are on the shelf next to the top in my office, near the door that leads to the kitchen.

Norman Percy Grubb

Then I know of one more of Troward's which I have not got - "The Dore' Lectures" which they say supplement Edinburgh Lectures. I shall hope to order this from London to take to Long Island, together with some of these others - so as to have some more feeding on him and Lanyon.

Another writer, who uses the same language as Troward and I got much benefit from, again by transposing his pronouns, is William Kingsland in his "Rational Mysticism." I have that also.

My love to you and John and so glad we had that morning together.

Ever affectionately,


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June 5, 1968

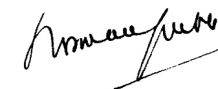
Dear Brother Morley:

Many thanks for your letter and enclosure. I shall put aside the extract you sent me and profit by it when I have the quiet later. Thank you so much. It is good to repeat some of these writings of the mighty men of past generations. There is a book by a Methodist in England of about fifty years ago, entitled, "Pentecost" that I hope the C.L.C. will reprint. They are looking into picking up some of these older writings that have the living message.

You can give me twelve years. I still have the blessing of vigour and health so I'm able to keep going around where I find so many open doors and hearts.

These are great days for faith and witness, for where the world sees dark, we always see what Paul says, that God "commands light to shine out of darkness." We have never had such great days of harvest on our various fields.

Thanking you and warmly yours in Christ,

  
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July 12, 1968

My dear Lewis,

Thanks ever so much for the two enclosures. I think the one by Dolphin is absolutely magnificent. I don't know when I've read the like of a thoroughly up-to-date top scientist finding all is vanity, and then finding Christ. Surely this ought to be a booklet under an attractive title. The one which has gone in millions for my generation is "The Reason Why" by Laidlaw, the "Brethren Millionaire" of New Zealand (I know him - a good fellow). This Dolphin talk would be like a modern edition of Laidlaw's.

I am sending it to Bob Walker of Christian Life. Of course, he may already know him or published about him, I don't know. Anyhow, this long type of testimony would not be the style for them for the mag but I would like Bob to know of him, and they might possibly find a means of getting permission to cut it down.

Love to you and many thanks,



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September 3, 1968

Dear Gerald:

Fancy hearing from you after all these years. I have a very vivid memory of the joy and blessing of staying in your home and having the meetings with the church fellowship.

No, you have got me out of my depth in inquiring about any particular emphasis William Law had on "universalism."

I never detected this. He was the writer who first opened my eyes to God, the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and End, in the person of Jesus. I first caught Law's heights and depths through Andrew Murray's wonderful anthology of him that he published -- called, "Wholly for God." Then it was Law who led me on to my ultimate in a human source, Jacob Boehme. But neither in Law or Boehme do I find universalism, but rather a very solid emphasis on the totality and ultimacy of a life, through human free will, lived either in the wrath or mercy of God.

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Beyond this, I have not been interested enough to follow through in any particular way on anything written on universalism. I don't see anything that teaches this in the Scriptures, and I seek to stand where the Scriptures stand.

I hadn't remembered that I thought that the Publishing House might be reprinting "The Serious Call," and I am rather glad to hear they are not doing so. Law wrote his "Serious Call" before he was illuminated on the secrets of grace through Boehme, and was really presenting a "salvation by works." That was why John Wesley opposed Law and Boehme to the end of his life, because he only knew the Law of "The Serious Call" in his Holy Club days, and never knew of the change that took place in Law's whole understanding through his reading Boehme.

You will know, that, to my mind Law's supreme works were his "Spirit of Prayer," "Spirit of Love," "Way to Divine Knowledge" and his "Address to the Clergy." Anthologies such as Hobhouse's "Selected Mystical Writings" of William Law are good, though I don't agree with all of Hobhouse's Quakerish comments.

Kindest regards and warm greetings.

Yours in Christ,

  
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September 27, 1968

My dear Brother Frank,

Thank you for this wonderfully helpful gift. I had read partly through Ruler's book, and agree with you on its richness in exposition in real maturity, and application of I Cor, 13.

Actually, this summer I read for the third time the book which has had terrific impact on me, though difficult to read and needing digestion sentence by sentence—Kierkegaard's "Works of Love." A tremendous examination of the root principles and meaning of eternal love as against what he calls "erotic love." Then Ruler follows with the exposition of this "agape" in action.

I also have "Agape and Eros", and got profit from that, though it has been some years since I read it.

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I think the capacity for eros love is caught up by the Spirit as the channel for the manifestation of agape love, and thus the divided "knowledge of good and evil" which was the product of eating of the wrong tree, is replaced by a unity in "the good" where we have partaken of the right tree in Christ.

Thank you so much for the Ruler book. I now have the wealth of all those four books on Love, including Drummond's.

Affectionate greetings in Christ and once again many thanks,



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October 28, 1968

Dear Brother Frank,

Thank you so much for your letter and again for the gift. I have been sending out several books since my Virginia tour. I find Rees Howells has a great appeal.

Kierkegaard "Works of Love" is out in paperback. In one sense, one has to be conditioned to read Kierkegaard. He is a profound thinker, but so advanced in his ways of looking at things that often it takes quite a bit of thought to get at what he means. I have been a student of his writings for some years, and have all his books which have been translated into English, and several of the commentaries on him. Many people who have only had a surface acquaintance with him, because of his unique approach to the presentation of ultimate truth, and his diffidence and humility in speaking of himself, have even questioned whether he knew the grace of God. Little they know! He has been one of the great formative influences in our generation, in clarifying faith as the only way to God. But I still find him mind stretching, not easy to read though I get great illumination as what he says comes clear to me. So if you do get "Works of Love," I don't think you will find him easy to read any more than I do, and if not used to his books and his approach, it may not even appeal to you.

Yes, thank you, I had a fine itinerary in Virginia, surprisingly having entry into several big and wealthy churches, Presbyterian and

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Methodist, and finding that the Spirit is moving among many hungry hearts in such churches and including some of the ministers.

Thank you for so much once again,

Warmly in Christ,



March 27, 1969

Dear Brother Albanese:

I am asking C.L.C. to send you those four books which I have signed, and come as a personal gift from the fund a friend gives me for gifts of books.

You asked me about John Tauler. The book of his talks that I have is a small one called "The Following of Christ," and I got it from the publisher in England who produces books of this kind—John M. Watkins, 21 Cecil Court, Charring Cross Road, London W.C.

You mention that you have "The Three Friends of God," which is the best I know on Tauler.

Good to be with you again.

Warmly yours in Christ,



March 10.71

My dear Bill,

You're a lad. Will soon be time for you to put your own pen to paper, because this present "off the cuff" letter sparkles with Bill gems. I have underlined "limitations are within liberty": "Freedom to be the Godself through the myself" (perfect): "Not something to get but Someone I had" (explaining faith): "The joyful example of painless pain". That's some going for one letter! And I like your quotes from Fosdick (you rebel). I too once picked up a book that amazed me by him on something like "Victorious Living", and it might have been Keswick!! But your two quotes - that excellent one on "encounter of personality - what



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PERSONality" is first class, and that merry little doggerel. How vaster wider that river of God flows! You would turn in your grave (but turn upwards) if you read what one of my most far-out friends (an original maiden lady of about 65) has sent me - five volumes of "Life and Teachings of the Masters of the Far East". Out of this world!! Accounts of facts on a journey of investigation of about five years which I can't take (appear to me phoney); yet the teachings which are constantly quoted TREMENDOUS. Hardly a word in five volumes on Buddha etc, but all Jesus Christ. But far far more than just that. But I don't want to make you worse than you are!!!

Am off to-morrow for two weeks, Toronto etc, including two days with the Alliance Ministers of NW New York. Wow! My fears say Nothing doing, but God's got something by putting me there, and I know their hearts are right.

My much love,



May 19.72

Gloria dearest,

How lovely to get your letter just before I leave for England next Wednesday. Yes, I love to hear you saying you want to keep in touch, dear, so do I. From May 24 through July 24 I shall be in England, with a permanent address

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though of course I shall be moving around all the time.

I haven't ever heard of this letter from Lanyon, and I've never read anything of this kind in all his many books (I have read all obtainable, about eight or ten of them). All ring the bells with me.

Possibly it's easier for me because I've had all these years of thorough grounding in the Scriptures so that my roots are down there good and solid, and I would daringly say "cannot be moved". But I began to find the need of a break-through (I discuss this in the third section of my autobiography from p.167) for a more complete understanding of

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the Spirit thru the Word in conscious spiritual union, and I pursued up the highways of the great "Mystics" - John of the Cross, Santa Teresa, John of Rueysbroek, Henry Suso, Lady Julian and largely expounded by Evelyn Underhill's book on Mysticism. That led me to the master of them all, in my opinion, Jacob Boehme, and William Law who puts his deepest teachings into clearer focus. (And curiously the man who introduced me to William Law and thus to Jacob Boehme is your friend Andrew Murray in his "Wholly for God"! ). Then as I settled into a clearer understanding and inner consciousness of this union-unity life, I found some authors whose writings are not concerned with the way there, but what it is like living on the summit - and the greatest of these is Lanyon! So I don't wonder you use the word "intoxicated", dear, for I live half-drunk on his heady wine!

But, dear, I don't personally dig into all the views and outlooks of all those who "feed" me. I catch gloriously what glows to me, and I tie it back to my Bible and Jesus' foundations; and it adds vastly to me what my normal Bible teachers never gave me. I suppose we may call this reading dangerous, but I've long believed in living dangerously! You might say the same of that Oxford Book of Mystical Verse. Some transcendently glorious things in it; but from others I glean flashes though sometimes (as for instance with Algernon Swinburne who was officially a non-believer) he hasn't written from a "Christian" point of view.

So, love, I think you must go the way you feel is right. There are those who think it is right to discard any book which is not wholly "sound", and we may need such to keep us steady - but I go for my reading and feeding to all kinds of pastures; but that is because I have tasted The True Pasture, and can soon discard and detect what does not lead to Jesus.

So write me more of your heart on this, love. So glad you are enjoying Murray's Holiest of All. I would actually like to add a point or two to that!

My much love to precious you.



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Aug.20.73

My dear Bill,

Yours that reached me today is pricelessly rich, as ever. You pour out streamlets of life & light in almost every paragraph. I'm not keeping to myself, as I want my co-worker Gil to know you at least by letter, as I count you and Jim Seward (the artist in Cleveland who painted my portrait) are simply team-members in the Spirit!

That does not mean that I covet you or tempt you to join us - no, I most happily see the specialist way God walks and talks and lives by you on the person-to-person level, and thank God we just understand one another - two phonies!

But of course I am thrilled that Lanyon has become living water to you. You won't get others of him in print except "Temple not made with Hands". But I have a number I picked up thru years and priceless because irreplaceable. But I'm always lending out and most are lent out now, but I keep a Scrooge-like list of borrowers and claim them back every few months. So if you can't get more and want more, I will loan. Glad you have lent this one priceless one out. There's none like Lanyon.

Yes, I know what you mean about "Christ in You". I too have just reread. It meant much to me at my start, I can see now why it isn't the same. Troward is good and can be obtained. He, much like Jacob Boehme, gives a basic rationale to our faith-understanding which has been good for me.

I just go along in spirit with all you say, as I always do. You confirm me worse and worse in our far-outness. Yet it is TRUTH!

My love and so much of it,



I am in England Sept. 5 thru Oct. 19, every day and hour already filled with "sightseeing" which, like you means seeing, loving, and sharing with people - the only good sight. Then Nov. into Dec. already filled with Seminars.

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Dec.23.77

Joan dearest,

That's lovely to hear from you. You and Ann and the boys brought a living tidal wave with you on your visit. We loved you all.

Yes, they say Lanyon was a Xtian Scientist and spent 15 years examining Eastern Religions. Well all I say is God used that to bring him to marvellous inner light (and inner knowing, not just mental stuff) on total truth. I have eaten and drunk Lanyon for 40 years and I count it now a great privilege to have introduced him to Bill Volkman who was so bitten that he himself took on the reprints.

So if his past may be of biographical interest, drop it there and soak in the present light that streams from him.

I love you, darling and will watch for the next and about Ann,



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Aug.23.81

My dear Christopher,

I seem to have got to a tie-up in my correspondence with my six weeks in Britain and then straightaway two weeks in Hixton, and I can't quite remember when I wrote you last. I have here yours of June 2 when they were to excommunicate you, then of June 15 when they had! Then your typed one which you asked me not to send around, including copy of yours to Bill V, and of the Fellowship to you!!

Of course, I remain interested in how the Lord is actually "walking" in you, as you, now, while you continue, I suppose (?) without getting a job. I am sure I explained that I could sympathize with Bill in writing you on that subject, because it is the norm for God's people - see 2 Thess 3 for instance and 1 Thess 4., and the exception is the total "come-out", and even then Paul sometimes earned by tentmaking.

But of course I am keen to hear how the Lord is taking you on, because near the end of your last you said you felt some cold winds of doubt getting at your soul, and I don't wonder, we all have those. So please soon let me hear from you. Is He somehow preparing you for a "Union Life Tramp" ministry like Dan and me!??

But the other issue which Bill raised of whether you regard the pastor etc. as anti-Christ, and I am sure I wrote you that what you first wrote, taken by itself, might have looked like that; but you have made plain of course that you don't see it like that, though you still seem to question those who act like this can really be born again, as you even question your own condition those early days.

Chris, I would not do this. I would stand by 2 Tim.2.19. I wonder if you have seen a remarkable book written in 1931 called THE PILGRIM CHURCH by E.H. Broadbent. Published then in England, but I know it has come out in paperback. Enquire from a Christian Bookstore. It was first published by Pickering & Inglis. It gives a tremendous historical survey of the hidden real church of Christ who steadfastly conformed to the NT standards, independence, etc, but desperately assaulted first by the Roman Church thru the centuries and apparently booted out and its literature burned and thousands thru the centuries burned, drowned etc. but still they persisted under various names, Albigenses, Waldenses, Anabaptists etc, and that true life stream has not only flowed on, but to my mind surfaced world-wide today in this great new day of liberation in ministry and witness, right thru Rome to Pentecost.

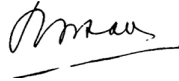
But the striking thing is that as new reformed churches appeared, Lutheran etc, having many "born again" in them, they started persecuting Anabaptists etc, even sometimes to drowning and death. No established church, though, on gospel foundations can easily accept the uprise of independent ones. But it will help you to see that we shall get persecution and ostracism, not from a hating world, but from churches of true believers. So it is for us to see as Jesus did on Calvary - "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." That means we see and love and accept them as precious people of God (Of course I don't mean those soldiers were that, but equivalent for us!), and we see them just as, in our views, mistaken. So our answer is always being THE LAMB ON THE THRONE. The Lamb accepts anything thrown at it, and continues to love the throwers; but within the Lamb is the Lion, so lambs don't move from their own inner convictions, but die or are slain standing for them so as to preserve the true revelation of God in Christ. And they are "on the Throne" because in the end their lamb-love-faith stand is justified, as is that of all these thousands in history in the new age where truth in freedom can be spread in a church in many ways newly quickened by the Spirit.

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The book is so good that if you can't get it, I am inclined to send you my precious copy. I leave on tour (I'm including my itinerary), but you can write Susie Wheeler here and ask her to send it.

So that's all present, Chris, but I would much like an up to date line from you. How wholly we are with you in Spirit in your glorious Lamb walk.

All my love and to Vivian,



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Oct.6.88

My dear Doug,

It is good of you to send me this Nathan Wood book. I first saw it and nibbled at it years ago, and it struck me then with its originality. So I am thankful now to be able to read the whole.

I thought then and think now he hits a basic truth and brings his several evidences of it. He does not attempt to relate it to our actual selves in any "existential" manner, and so leaves me with a blank there. So it is valuable, but for gripping and absorbing me I respond more to the 'passion' in such as the Tao, though of course Wood centres on the truth which the Tao ignores. But I am glad to have this because I had held it in memory and of value all these years. For depth of application on the subjective level, Alan Parker's small "Cross in the Heart of God" really reaches me and I find applicable as a vital basis to our "truth" teaching.

So thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness in sending me the copy, whereas I had only briefly glimpsed it years back. I see also you have got hold of an "Aurora" - pure gold indeed.

I am slowing up at 93 and have joined those the prophet Zachariah called "old men in the streets of Jerusalem, each man with his staff in his hand for varied age"! So I spend my time at my typewriter and usually turning letters into epistles! So I shall miss my visits of so many years to Bob & Evelyn and thus to see you.

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My love and many thanks. Along the line of "distressed self", Malcolm Smith kindly sent me his new book on "Spiritual Burnout", so I enclose a copy of what I wrote him.



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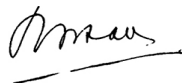
Oct.7

Dear Marcus,

Fancy you in your busy life packaging this rubber thing for my stick and here it arrived! It is wonderful of you to have cared like that and found the thing, which I now have on the stick and certainly with its increasing steadiness. So thank you so so much.

So glad you spared the time for the visit. Once again I picked up my Eckhart and have to say NONE except Boehme touch the ultimate as Eckhart does. It's surely surely all or nothing with him, and he transports me and of course is easier in his 'sermons' than Boehme in his books. So thank you for coming and this wonderful and unusual depth of fellowship we have.

All love and to Jean



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Dec.28

My dear Marcus & Jean,

What can I say, yet again, when I got your letter yesterday and with this wonderful gift in it. You overwhelm us, and I am so thankful for such love with such help. Part of this marvelling at God which Pauline and I had those many years, and now Sandy and I have together with our faithful Pris. Thank you so much. That Elisha "pot of oil" which never dries up till our faith dries up, and that is not ours, but the Holy Spirit river flowing thru us - that saying of Paul, "I live by the faith of the Son of God", not by "faith in", but faith of as we mystic-addicts know!

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Thank you also for talking with our Sandy. You two have been to her what you are to me - AMAZING LOVE, as the song says, of "grace".

I know the Lord will sustain Sandy for she knows it is ALL HE, and light will shine from her. I hear the Drs say her symptoms are cleared - but of course we don't live by external symptoms, do we, but by being eternally HE AS US IN OUR FORMS, and ALL PERFECT, and all part of Rom.8.28. I certainly live in that. Just every day a marvel, as well as seeing what we claim we are, "walked out" before me and including me.

I have spent hours again with Kierkegaard's greatest "Concluding Unscientific Postscript", his 500 p. masterpiece where he "shouts" at us - SUBJECTIVITY IS TRUTH", objectivity phoney escape. And behind Kierk I first found J. Boehme, like you, but I've never taken much note of this "Paracelsus" digging, because he could put things into final focus, where ParaC. could not.

So thank you and thank you again, dear ones. Glad Don liked "Deep Things of God" and the proof that they are that 1 Cor.2.10 "deep" is that they ARE simple, just as Einstein with his  $E=MC^2$ !

Strange how few of us seem caught up with sharing from the Mystics - but there surely has been a Rom.7 price paid to live there.

Love and thank you again,



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June 12

My dear Marcus,

What a thriller and I do thank you for sparing the time to think of me and send it to me. I 'eat' it up as you do. I have constantly in my talks referred to the modern scientists as our best "priests", as they insist on the fact of "symmetry" at the base of all, and now this pressing search for Einstein's unified field of the four forces; and this now to me altogether new "theory of everything" and the "superstring" theory. I do value you sending me this...I often also refer to Einstein's emphasis on

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an observer being a participator, and thus ultimately “mind” being at the roots of all. God! Do thank you indeed.

Lovingly and thankfully,

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Sept.4.

Dearest Peter & Elizabeth,

Thank you for another “special” from you. Yes, I am sorry we didn't meet and it seems less likely unless you come here. Seems the “outer man” gets weaker, or anyhow stiffer, and I have joined the Prophet Zechariah's “old men in the streets of Jerusalem, every man with his staff in his hand for very age”! How down to earth the ancient Scriptures are!! But thank God “the inner man” still gets renewed, while my peers, one by one, precede me to Jesus and glory...just heard of my loved Jock Purves, my greatest and special ‘stay’ thru my many years as Brit Sec of WEC. You have your “thorn in the flesh”, Elizabeth dear, with your back and we learn by them when we are weak in body, we are strong in some special forms “in spirit”, of course He re-expressed as us. Paul so gloriously “saw himself” as “prisoner of the Lord” when in Nero's dungeons, that both his own praising spirit shines out as a pattern for us all in our prisons in his Phil: 12-26, and then supremely in those “prison epistles” which we should never have had as our NT Crown jewels without that Rome detention. And I know that in my Spirit-measure too, as it was thru what they said was a “heart attack” (still trying to find it!) that I lived those weeks turning my large bedroom into also an office (I like being able to stretch right out on the bed in between writing blitzes), and it was in these weeks that after all these years, what Paul was really saying about no such delusion as an independent self-relying self had been there all these years for us all, and who had seen it??

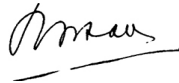
You have most interestingly sent it to me in that far higher intellectual level of presentation by Henry Drummond the great student voice of CT's days who indeed opened the Scottish Univs to the impact of that burning young Cambridge Seven, and got the Spirit's ball rolling for worldwide missions in the student world. But it interests and intrigues me GREATLY to see that Drummond is really saying the same thing in his top-level author's terms - but precisely the same thing - of us humans never anything but Deity-expressors - vessel, slave, Wife,

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branch. Only in his day concentration was not yet on what the human self is, which we owe conveniently to Atheist Freud, God as always making excellent use of Satan; and so it is only in our day we put this eternal Pauline Galatian revelation into "self" terms. But there it was precisely the same in Drummond's university-level terms, and thus much more acceptable to them. I find that most intriguing and telling me loudly, "You are not a loner in "seeing" your  $E=MC^2$ ; all thru the centuries my Spirit-folks have known it in their "terms". Actually I am now introducing to hungry-enough-diggers this masterly Broadbent's THE PILGRIM CHURCH which has enthralled me for years with its detailed presentation of the 'true' underground church of the Spirit, persecuted, martyred, distorted thru the centuries - and here we are part of it! You would also enjoy that! So always always our "thorns" turn out somewhere "to the furtherance of the gospel" - just as this Rom.6-8 for me: and indeed my years of repudiation by my own next-door WEC here (but not all WEC thank God) has been God's beautiful driving of me to spread our sharings round this country, AND MANY MOUNTING NUMBERS OF SEE-ERS (I have the inner-witness to a million in due course)

So loving you dear ones, and always finding what appear outer frustrations, often physical, turn out to be another stage of God-revelation and action!

Always love to hear from you,



## EXCERPTS

You see I take, and have done so for years, a contrary attitude toward authors. I look for the positive and greedily feed on what feeds me. I do not attempt to assess them on what might be regarded by me or others as negative aspects of them - indeed that is how I seek to see and align myself with all brethren in Christ. I cannot bear to see you digging out all you can find to prove what is error to you, with hardly a word on the glory. To me all of us have areas about us which can look like clay feet, but God has taught me to jump clear into the solid gold about them. The evangelical world threw CT Studd and Rees Howells right out, but God held me to that pure pure gold in them, and by passing what I could have pointed out as "clay feet" kind of thing in either, just as any can easily find in me. And

how glad I am that I did. The same with great authors such as Kierkegaard, Karl Barth, the Catholic Mystics etc. And now my Lanyon is being stretched on the rack of criticism. Yet if I was to waste my time in defence couldn't I shew passage after passage confirming him. Doesn't he write of the Virgin Birth in his "Conception" chapter, and a few pages later quotes us as "hid with Christ in God" and always used the capital of Jesus.

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You mention about several authors. I started out with Jacob Boehme 50 years ago, he is my foundation, goes deepest of all, but very difficult to read. Their only science those days was alchemy, and JB uses many terms like mercury, salt etc meaning nothing to us. But his "Way to Christ" is clearest. "Signature" very difficult to follow, but it has a total gem buried in it called THE SUPERSENSUAL LIFE - p.227-275. I have drunk at that well for years!

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Kierkegaard has a quite different approach. Matchless on faith and the human ego.

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I do know where Soren Kierkegaard combated with every weapon he had Hegel on Hegel's smooth approach by thesis, antithesis and synthesis to humanistic self which finally gets there in its own selfhood; and SK produced his great spiritual existentialism - his basic contribution to eternal truth, which again has been prostituted by Heidegger. Sartre etc to another form of humanistic self-sufficiency, even to the point of men like Francis Schaffer utterly missing SK's great truth. The best I know by SK is his great CONCLUDING UNSCIENTIFIC POSTSCRIPT of 500 pages which I have read and re-read. And, I think, indeed know, is the final answer as "spiritual dialectic" as again "Material dialectic..." I know nothing better than to recommend, but mainly because I am really so little knowledgeable beyond SK! But SK, to me, lies at the roots of Union Life, just as much as Jacob Boehme on his total level.

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The choice will SOON BE Vincent Peale or victorious Paul. What a following Peale has. Estimated that he touches 30 million people a week, by T.V. radio and syndicated press articles. Personally I find Paul appealing and Peale appalling.

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It is a thrill to me to see the real insight God has given you into the foundation of this life in the Spirit. I laughed over your quotation from the Boehme introduction! As a matter of fact the puzzling quotation you quoted on the "Ungrund" was meat and drink to me. Everything about that man is, and that statement which sent you to bed is really reaching the bottom of things which I know others to have reached. That is exactly why he appeals to me. However, I am glad you are finding some good stuff as you go on. Indeed it is - supreme. That section "The Supersensual Life" in "The Way to Christ" is a masterpiece. The other book "Personal Christianity" which has been more recently published, gives good quotations from him and a fair survey of his teachings, but the footnotes of the commentator are way off, and seem to be a mixture of Buddhism and Christianity. Pure light shines through Jacob!

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Love, you are right that when we dig deep and begin to find hid treasure in Christ, the surface stuff doesn't satisfy us. The Mystics reach thru the centuries and fed my spirit for years. But there is what I might call a "modern one" who refreshes many of us. You won't necessarily say all as he does, but the light pours from him. Only two of his books are now in circulation. One is "LONDON NOTES & LECTURES" by Walter Lanyon.

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Kierkegaard took me some year or two, intensely attracted by the far-out implications in sentence after sentence in his writings (such as FEAR & TREMBLING with which I started, and his 500 page UNSCIENTIFIC POSTSCRIPT final word, which I keep by me and re-read); and then wait a bit, and that complicated sentence is filled with light. So I became a Kierk addict, and love that subjective-objective differentiation, which is strongly in that "Unscientific" book, and that bold bold summing up of SUBJECTIVITY IS TRUTH: and "the thing that edifies is truth to you": and

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that true meaning of that existentialism – “dirty word” to most evangs, really meaning that truth is only found by inwardly being confronted with a situation, then really going through inwardly what Paul speaks of as the “dying-rising” process of 2 Cor. 4:7-12, and thus true light inwardly dawns: and “objectivity”, meaning escaping the inner confrontations by outer interpretations is that most common of evidences of basic superficiality – where most of us live.

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I was long ago given a little book called “The Impersonal Life” (Anon). I remember being impressed, but my special friend in Norfolk Va. who feeds me from all sorts of hidden sources (with great benefit- such as “the Life and Teachings of the Masters of the Far East” from which as usual I drew enormous benefit, while bypassing what I couldn’t accept) advised me to re-read. I have just done so (quite small), and I find what I had forgotten that no one has more clearly presented “God thru all”: “It was I who appeared before you in the garb of sin or weakness or greed or sophistry...” follows right on with your remark. Should I send it to you? But it’s likely you’ve got the point already. But it confirmed and clarified for me. Yes, this seeing God as EVERYTHING is tremendous. I seek to share it everywhere and run away before they can stone me.

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He sought to express the Four Pillars of WEC in his lifestyle.

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He developed WEC to be a fellowship of initiators, and he sought to be the facilitator to that end.

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He could see WEC become somewhat fossilized, doctrinally, seeking to agree with conservative evangelicals, rather than having a confidence we have something to contribute to them..."

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Norman Grubb is the demonstration of the overflowing life in the Spirit he tells about.

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Norman Percy Grubb

4th January 1940

My dear Leslie,

We are delighted to get the news of God's personal blessing to you two. The fact is that missionaries have got to start from the beginning, and have burnt into their experience what they only learn in theory at home. The theory is necessary in preparation or folks might well lose their way when the storms come; but each has got to battle through in reality, and it is only after that baptism of fire that a missionary can be said to be fused into his work.

As to what you say about ideas folk get from the morning meetings here. I fear that that again is only one of these questions in which folk pick up stuff vaguely here, and then when the storms of doubt and fear assail them in the front line, they are tempted to think we say more than we do. I can assure you, as all here bear out, that never in all these ten years have we come near saying that the W.E.C. tries to give each worker a £4 a month personal. This is the very outlook we have fought times without number. For years I would not even mention that a sum like that was a possible liveable standard on most fields for this very fear that it would be misinterpreted; but more laterally I think I have allowed myself to make that remark, and now already we seem paying for it in folks getting the idea they have a sort of right to £4. Indeed you are right that there is no hope for any of us except when we are banked completely on God, and claim and desire no "rights" beyond those of fighting and suffering for Him. What we get for the warfare is His business and no one else's. We turn our eyes on no secondary causes. Thank God, He has so led you in Senegal to grasp this.

This equally applies to the idea that we say here that we are responsible for men and money, while you for the work on the spot. Never, never have we said this; but always combated it, because we knew that if field folks get this idea, it will hopelessly weaken them; when shortage comes, they will feel they have a right to grumble against the home end in place of praising their Heavenly Father that He is honouring them with the test.

Our job is to push ahead with bringing the home challenge of worldwide evangelization to God's people, just as yours is to build His church on the fields; the outcome in cash is God's business. We

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are to seek first the Kingdom. The supply of material needs is His responsibility.

What you say about pressing P. & P.'s more strongly may be wise. I recognize that we can do more in that direction. But even then, as you say, our real aim must be to help people to learn a steady walk with God. When we are in the light, we can't see P. & P.'s, as it were, because we are immersed in walking with Him. When we walk in darkness, then we feel the bite of P. & P.'s, because the law is for the lawless; and our experience is that when folk are in that state, they will anyhow always find ways out of any written code. Life can only be in the Spirit, not in the letter. I have not put this well, but you will understand, and I have not time to re-write.

Anyhow, I am most thankful that you have written out frankly and faithfully all that you have both seen and felt, including advice about our home end of things. This is just what I want, and I hope you will continue to do the same.

With much love to you both,
Ever yours,

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29<sup>th</sup> August, 1955.  
London, H.Q.

My dear Earle,

I was ever so glad to get yours of Aug. 16. It is most refreshing to me to have this old-time correspondence with you - in the full flow of the Spirit. I never forget how deep our roots go together, and I have always felt one with you in spirit. You are in pursuit of all that God has for you and so am I, and we meet there on common ground. You mention, by the way, your hopes of deep fellowship in the spirit with Ivor. I am sure you will have it. When we travelled together, you were then following hard after a Pentecost you feel you have not received. I think Ivor will take you deeper into the movings of the Spirit, as he took me, and as he opens his heart to you on experiences and God's dealings in a way he cannot always on a public platform. God is leading us on to seek and

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find a mighty Pentecost in ourselves and through all our ranks, beyond anything in the past. May we go on "following hard".

I am deeply with you too in spirit in your Canadian ministry. I always felt sure that God would seal it. We all have our awkward spots, you have yours, and I certainly mine. I can get on with you because you do seek to be truly honest, and speak out what you see and feel about us, and welcome us to do the same about you. Don't, therefore, be put off by fireworks in the Staff. I have already heard that there has been quite a battle surrounding you. I know no details. But let nothing divert you, Brother. What God has given you do and put thro in Canada both as a means of blessing thro your testimony, and for the progress of WEC worldwide, is a thousand times more important than tough spots which other folks see or feel you need adjusting, as doubtless you do, just as I do, but go ahead all the same. You have paid the price which thrills my heart in selling all and flinging everything back once again into WEC for God, and that despite fears and suspicion satan might have put into you after past events, but you have gone thro with God, and He will go thro with you. Speaking at a distance, and without knowing surrounding facts, when you mention any possibility of our brother being put in charge of Canada, I turn cold. God doesn't put run-aways into leadership in His battle. He is a good Bro. but they turned aside for a home pastorate - You were put out (rightly or wrongly!) but you didn't put yourself out! I was put out too, Pauline and I being the only ones who had the honour of being dismissed by the Committee at the time of the split! So we both have been brothers in adversity. But thank God, neither man nor devil has ever made us go out on our own, so may the Staff not fiddle with God's appointment even tho they find you tough on some levels. Thank God for tough-uns!

How deeply I am with you that we have got to get away from this personality business, and get on with the job. We have no time to be fiddling around with who is in what position or is he being given his rightful place etc. Let's have all barriers down, and be free to criticize, challenge and spur each other on. The only loyalties we have are to Jesus. If we are truly loyal to Him, we are inevitably loyal to each other. My heart is with you. I am happy about Canada. I believe the Spirit of God is putting WEC thro' there, as it should go thro for His glory, thro' you. I am still deeply burdened for the USA. I still don't feel that WEC is on the march as it should be thro' that vast country. O that we could

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forget all personalities, and concentrate on the one job of breaking thro' with the Holy Ghost message and challenge Nation-wide there.

Much love, and to Ethel. Write again. I will come across hopping when the Lord gives the green light. Till then I can only wait and watch.

Ever yours,

  
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19, Highland Road,

London, S.E. 19.

24th September 1955

My dear Dave,

This can only be a line in answer to yours as I am still one handed, and in the hand of the hospital. Thanks for yours, and I really only write to assure you that God has completely confirmed to me what He has to you. God has called us to lose ourselves, and all this petty business of loyalties and submission to each other, and to get on with the work shoulder to shoulder, as fellow workers, trusting the Holy Ghost in each other, and therefore free in the Holy Ghost to say exactly what we want to each other. This submission business is child's stuff. Certainly God had to take us through it in our youth, and most of us were "broken on the wheel" by having to submit to some "superior" with whom we found it a job to get along. That's good and right in our youthful and testing days, and we certainly always have to watch that we have the submitting spirit. But, my hat, Paul also had another Spirit in him in Gal. 1:8; 2:5 and 2:14, and that was also the Spirit of God! No, God puts in me a holy opposition to this continued "submit" "be loyal" business. We dropped that out of our ranks here in 1931, and Ken will tell you, if you talk to him, that God has lifted us to a place where we really trust the Holy Spirit in each other; so we are not going round nosing into our loyalties one to another. We are free men, and we speak out freely. That doesn't mean we don't often criticize or disagree, but we do it like men, because we are out for the best for God's work. So I stand with you. God's got to lift you all in N.A. to that plane.

We have got there over here by God's grace. Practically, CLC is bigger than us now, but we are just one, and function as one. And so in all departments. The remedy is simple. Forget all this business of who

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does what. Let each push the other on with all light given in the job of each. Humility and submission isn't belittling ourselves, but forgetting the existence of any of us in Christ, and all of us just being one body in action. So let's go ahead, and God bless you - and Frid - in your revolutionary spirit. Of course Earl is tough, and so is Dave, and so is Rubi; but God will see to our rough corners, as we get on with His job. It will come, and is coming, thank God. So certainly let's continue with our correspondence.

Much love. We tremendously enjoyed and were tremendously blessed by Ken and Bessie.

Ever yours,



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Fort Washington, Pa.

March 12, 1956

Dear Fellow Crusaders on all Fields and Home Bases:

Many of you will know that I came over here two weeks ago for the CLC Annual Conference, followed by the WEC Quarterly Staff meetings. There had been difficulties and considerable differences of opinion for some length of time, and it had become necessary definitely to find the mind of God for the future leadership and coordination of the work. The CLC Conference was a time of blessing, centred of course on their own CLC responsibilities and projects. There was thanksgiving for what God had already done, and faith and rededication for future nationwide and worldwide advances. Ken Adams was confirmed in his CLC leadership in North America.

The real problems which had been disturbing everybody were faced together in the WEC Conference which followed, which was also attended by all the CLC workers, not only those at Camp Hill, but from the regional bookstores. The area workers of the WEC had also come in, so that there was a full WEC-CLC representation for N. A.

After waiting on God together and listening to His word, with its exhortations to be, not only of one heart, but "perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment", until "all speak the same thing", we entered into a full discussion. This headed up in Rusico offering his resignation from leadership in North America, and after a

time in God's presence which was very real among us, a united mind and conviction was given that it was God's will that the resignation should be accepted.

Much thought and discussion was then given to the problem of future leadership in North America. It was strongly emphasized that we should be looking to God for His choice from among those who are North Americans. No clear indication was given, and after we had waited on God for a day or two, it was made clear to all that we should not press the matter and make some choice after our own wisdom, but wait however long until God's own plain word is spoken and His choice revealed.

To fill the gap until God does indicate, the N.A. Staff gave me a unanimous invitation to act as temporary leader, God's mind being sought quarter by quarter whether to continue like this or to make a change. As it is only a stop-gap position, and as I was anyhow expecting to be over here for most of the remainder of this year, the need does not at present arise of submitting this to the British Staff for their consideration.

The decision to accept Rusico's resignation was not made easily or lightly. "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour and love" said the writer of the Hebrews, and the Staff was not unmindful of all the WEC and N.A. Home Base owe to Rusico as its founder under God; and we know how many of you on the fields thank God for the help and inspiration of his correspondence with you and your fellowship with him before you went to the fields, and while on furlough; and we are sure many of you will be continuing your links by correspondence with him and Ellen. For myself also, I would say that, although both Rusico and I had to confess to the Staff and before God that we had often grievously failed in maintaining an understanding in our correspondence, yet we have loved and understood each other in the Spirit, when together, since our earliest days together in the Congo in the 20's, and in Britain in the restart of the work in 1931. We found it was just the same as we got together here on my arrival, and we can say by the grace of God that there was no shadow between us in our personal fellowship during the Conference nor since.

The Staff waited on God together with the Rusicos, concerning their future ministry in the Crusade. No clear light was given, except that Rusico feels that release from the responsibilities of leadership opens the door to some form of "roving" ministry, particularly because God

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has always sealed his platform ministry. They will continue making their home at Camp Hill, and the Staff will be waiting on God with them for clearer light.

A time of difficulty and travail such as this, where there have been “fightings without and fears within”, is bound to leave its marks and have its reactions, and wounds may take time to heal and fears to be eliminated. We know you will all be praying for us all. The miracle of the Holy Spirit among us, and we all testify that we have known His living presence marvellously among us, is that we have been bound together and remain together in the Spirit and in the Crusade. We had a holy determination from God in our spirits that we should not be divided because division is a sin (where there is no fundamental reason for it, doctrinal or otherwise); and we saw clearly that if we did not remain, together with you all, one in the body and in the warfare, we would be grieving the Spirit and wounding the Saviour, and certainly failing to be an honour to His Name, and to the testimony of full salvation which we seek to bear for Him. We thank God from a full heart that these divisions have not taken place, and that we go on together, although, as I say, we shall have to learn to keep walking together in faith and love and trusting the Holy Spirit in each other, after such violent disturbances.

Some of you North American fellow-crusaders may well be tempted to feel a barrier, as you have known and loved and worked with Rusico as home leader, and you don't know me; some of us haven't even met in the flesh. So please have patience and pray. You are not cut off from your former fellowship with Rusico, and meanwhile, we can gradually get touch with each other. We as a Home Staff will continue to seek to serve you as before, until the Lord shows His own choice of a leader. Please be perfectly free to write out your heart and mind on any point.

A final word of praise to the Lord must be given for a very thorough thrash out of WEC-CLC relationships at the Conference, ending in a time of melting among us. Again, problems were resolved, and a fuller recognition than ever before was given to God's pattern of co-working, each recognizing the Constitutional rights and autonomy of the other, and yet far above that, finding together the way of fellowship, so that our decisions are really mutual, and we are functioning as one body in Christ. We all feel that God is helping to settle these problems over here, and giving the same basis of free fellowship between WEC-CLC-LMC in N.A., as He has been gradually giving in Britain.

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I think this covers the main points needed to be said. If there are any further questions in any of your minds, please feel free to write.

Ever yours in the Crusade,



August 11, 1956

My dear Samuel:

You will greatly praise the Lord with us to hear that God came clean through at our recent Conference. Thank you for your faithful praying. The Lord gave a complete 100% reunification, right down to rock bottom. It is an absolutely new day among us all. There is no doubt that there will be a great upsurge of the Spirit in the work as a consequence. The Staff have asked Alfred R. and me to continue here in leadership for the next three years, officially I as Director and he as Associate; but as a fact we shall just act as one, not only that, but we are beginning in a new way to work as a group in fellowship, the leaders of each Department meeting together daily and walking in the light with one another on all our affairs, sharing correspondence, etc. I will give you more details when I see you.

I return, D.V., in mid-September and expect to be over in Britain till January, then returning here with the family. Of course I will be down to see you. The problem will be about the half-finished MS. God will show about that, as I don't humanly see how I shall have time. Yet the remarkable thing is that I find the Lord pouring more and more light into me all the time through what I learned from Mr. Howells, and through re-reading the book. I see more and more how God worked with him. Doubtless Alfred will be writing his sister in much more details.

All sorts of doors are opening. There is a very fine Bible School, built by faith, in Anderson, Indiana. There are the fine Bible School buildings, also Primary and High School. Also a complete printing press and book room, also a fully run Christian Radio Station, and now the founder, Billheimer, is putting up the first fully Christian T-V in the

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world; he has been given a gift of a T-V mast costing 40,000. The whole set of buildings are worth about £75,000. He urges that the WEC should take the whole thing over, as he wants to assure the future with a group who are wholly of his world-wide faith and sacrifice lines. There are tremendous prospects. He looks to us for the faith personnel who could gradually take over. Bible school teachers, day school teachers, radio and television men, etc. What a challenge. I wish we could cooperate on this! A wide open door, and they welcome Britishers. Three car loads of us are going up there this Sept. before I cross so that more of us can look into it.

Much love to you and your Mother and all,  
Ever yours,



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Feb. 29, 1960

Dear James:

Thank you for your letter. I don't believe our sort of Society would be the one that would best suit you. You see our calling is for all-out evangelism with a very strong emphasis on the spiritual side of things. We are really evangelists and spiritual church builders, and all else takes a minor place in our foreign field ministry. Everybody who joins us has a call from God, having been saved and filled with the Spirit Himself, to dedicate his life to bring Christ into the lives of others. We all live by "faith", that is to say, that there is no guarantee of salary or allowance. We just take monthly what God sends in.

It does not mean that we belittle the work of others called in a different way. We appreciate all the ways by which the Spirit of God reveals the love and power of Jesus through human service, but I would think that your own calling would be with a group that concentrates more on Christian social service.

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I greatly enjoyed the time with you all at Koininia. The Lord will take you into His plan for your life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



June 16, 1960

My dear Roy:

Thank you ever so much for your lovely letter. Yes, it was a precious time with William and we were all here bound in heart with him. I have so much to learn through you all, and what God has said to me these past ten years or so through contacts with you brethren is beyond price and is as living as ever. God has yet to take me much farther on the way of brokenness that He is taking so many of you. But you have touched on a precious point in fellowship. Maybe we still differ on it to some extent, but the way God seems to look out through our eyes is seeing Him in a thousand different human guises, emphases, and convictions, messages and activities, etc. I see Him only in them all. I believe He deliberately causes each of us to see as we see, and minister as we minister. I believe variety is the genius of the Spirit in things spiritual as so obviously it is in things natural. That one point has held me up in a completely free flow with you brethren. I have felt that if we were given of God, so far as we understand Him, some way of presenting Christ, or some aspect of truth (Romans 6-8, for instance) which was not just the way God has given it to you brethren, then the most we could expect would be that you would tolerate us although you would wish we were different! Whereas I believe God means us to be different, and it is actually His difference of outlook in and through each of us, then we can therefore heartily and fully rejoice in the variety of ministering. I found that much more closely this time in William's ministry which had the fragrance of Christ to us all, and then in the beautiful way in which he spoke a word to me about the Rees Howells book. It is in that openness and brokenness, that God is more glorified in you than in me. I could just as well have spoken to him, but I didn't. He took the costly step of opening the subject. So you are a precious means of blessing to me and to us in W.E.C. In many ways we should not be where we are

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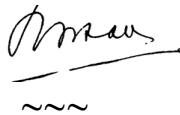
today, but for our living contacts, and they remain as living as ever, with you all. So I thank you indeed for writing.

Yes, I do not forget the privilege we had in urging you first to come over here and helping to open a door. I often make my boast in that fact, on the Scriptural basis that Paul boasted in the churches!!

Maybe we shall see you when you come over. If you could spare a night or a meeting, you know you will be welcome, and it will keep the living bond.

My love to you and Revel,

As ever in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Norman', followed by a horizontal line and three wavy lines underneath.

November 4, 1960

My dear David:

Thank you ever so much for yours of October 30. I have just come back from a grand, though crowded six weeks down the Pacific Coast with John Whittle from Vancouver to Los Angeles. You just can't begin to take the open doors in churches, colleges, etc.

Thank you for letting me know how things have struck you from this end. They are by no means as adverse as they seem to have been presented to you. The great miracle to us is that God sent us over for a healing ministry to re-build what was going to pieces and get it started off again on the right and really American basis. This has happened by the grace of God. No one has been lost to the ranks, the various workers who had head on crashes for one reason or another have come to understand each other and work together in real unity, although this was not done without many painful clashes en route. It has now blossomed out in a thorough going working fellowship of experienced men in WEC ways and all American with one Canadian. Just right. There have been great changes in some, which have made this possible. We desperately needed a lot of reorganization and tightening up of screws which is now being given. We older ones are thoroughly happy about it also. It is by no means that I have been "removed". I was the one from the Chair who led the way in recognizing that this was the solution, which we were waiting for from God, and in arranging for it to be properly considered and agreed upon. I am indeed delighted as any so

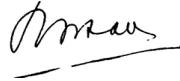
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I would be grateful if you could let others of the family or WEC know that, if you find they have other ideas. Pauline feels just the same.

Thank you again for your thoughtful suggestion about our returning to Number 17. Every indication that we have from God is that we stay where we are. The openings are endless, and it was at this very moment three days before these "surprise decisions" were made, that Mrs. Woods was called Home and the way made ready for us in due course to build a small pre-fab on the grounds. I wish you and Grace could be the first visitors!

I shall be hoping to be able to come and see you and Haytor of precious memories near the end of my visit. I thought of suggesting a day or two in July, as I move down from the North, visiting Bristol, Swansea, etc. I should love to sit and yarn again with you and Grace. We are glad of the family news. Dorothy is a wonderful correspondent. Much love to you both.

Ever yours affectionately,



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November 4, 1960

My dear Harry:

Good of you to write. I only returned from the West Coast two days ago, and found your letter in a pile of others. And it was only two days ago that I was spending a grand afternoon with C.J.B. and Mrs. Harrison. The Lord is really leading them on to a working fellowship basis in Westmoreland. Glad you mentioned Stribling. I had a grand time of fellowship in his very living group. I was writing to him yesterday and mentioned what you said.

I never get over how the Lord led you, with Brother Sparks to give this wonderful gift of Kilcreggan [to WEC]. It is almost unique to see God's kind of giving in action by a branch of His church on earth. Sometimes individuals will do it but a group - when? It is just putting the "contrary" principles of the Spirit into action. May we learn the lesson and do the same when the opportunities come. Thank you all again in Christ's Name. It is indeed a boon to us. I shall be there for our Workers Conference next year, and of course will hope to see you also.

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I had heard about Paul; Mike had written. Faith certainly cannot walk with sight, but swallows it up, thank God. So glad about your wife, and God's grace on you both.

Ever yours affectionately,

  
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Dec. 19.69

You dear beloved couple,

How I rejoiced to get both your loving letters and this beautiful photo. Thank you. My heart always swells when I think of you. You two had had that same HIS Spirit - as our CTS had. You led just that way in India, poured out for Jesus. God has His ways with us all, and kind of tucks away His flame of fire beneath our humanity, which is also His humanity. It was just that with CTS. Most couldn't stand some of his ways - his fierce fight for his convictions (he couldn't stand that "once saved always saved"!!!), and his drug, DCD etc. But those who ran, where are they? Those who stood - this still mighty WEC-CLC! We all have those "sides" to us. I am a most hasty person and have a habit (joke among Weccers of walking out when I don't like something) - but somehow they just stuck to me though not over here. I have been cut clean off as persona non grata for these ten years (and I have known the weakness of WEC here, when I know God could have spoken to them by me). And you had your battles in the tremendous leadership and foundation you gave on truly WEC lines in India; but others would not follow, and even, shame on them, turned on you! There was "no condemnation" for you - see Rom.8.1, any more than for me in my hasty ways or CTS in his ruthless ways. I've just heard someone say, Norman Grubb turned a maniac into a saint in his book on CTS - yes I did - a maniacal saint and I wish all Weccers were that! Same as that much outcast Rees Howells, now looked upon over here as an authority on "intercession". Same with you dear ones - but what a laugh God has! First He linked yourselves and us with that greatest of work of the Spirit in India with Bro Bakht Singh (and I've loved you sending me Jordan Khan's still great ministry). Then lo & behold, He takes you home as a

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civilian Dr. ,and puts you at the heart of our RAF for all those years, so that they even extended your time - a civilian and even if sometimes they objected to your boldness of witness.

And you dear ones still non-stop as ever. Precious and glorious. God wholly glorified in each stage of your calling - and Rom. 8.1 all the way!

So thank you for your loving sharing in these letters and photo. I am over with Sandie end of April for a conference on our "lines" in an Elim College in Essex Ap. 20-24 I think, then we shall stop over for visits. Don't know whether I shall get to see you precious ones.

So just this line of love and plenty PRAISE.

All my love.



Ft. Washington

Jan. 14.74

My dear Bill,

Thanks ever so much for taking time to write me. I am passing thru Gladys a \$100 from a keen business man with whom I have recently become acquainted and stayed with in Tulsa, Okla. He has passed me several gifts to pass on. It might be good if you could spare time to send him a line and tell him of the Ghana MTC.

I am concerned about how many Weccers do not seem to have had sense of direct commission to lay their lives on the altar for a specific calling - which Rees Howells taught some of us to recognise as an "intercession" - and when we have so laid our lives on the altar, we never take them back. But it seems so often, even with founders and leaders who in a particular sense have that specific calling, when the fierce test comes, put their families before their commission, rather than make their family needs fit into the commission. And Jesus said such strong things about "hand to the plough hand looking back", and forsaking families for Christ. One was visiting here and said how concerned they are about the many who "turn back" when their children become teenagers and family takes precedence to calling, and how they talk to new recruits on this. I wonder if we need somehow to present more completely the implication of an "intercession" on Biblical principles.

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How can we look for Ghanians, for instance who will give their lives without looking back including families and in their case with only possible African churches behind them compared to us who step out from western churches and expect the type who will cast themselves on God alone for finances and family problems, if we don't first live it out before them. Was it not a chance to see in faith our children in God's safe keeping even when they temporarily wander. Surely the answer in our children's problems is not what we so "preach against" - self-effort in seeking to rescue them - but the stand of faith and total committal, and then of course such reaching out to them as will not take us away from our calling? It doesn't seem to me a good foundation for starting a training centre with crusading total demands on those who come.

I note also you saying that none are yet coming forward for the MTC. Might it be that by some means closeness of contacts are first necessary with Ghanaian churches, young people etc which can make the calling to the MTC attractive to them? I like your plan for evening classes. It looks as if you have the buildings and the curriculum almost too frighteningly efficient, and you have first to lower the level for some simple soul-winning training much like our original "Colony" which was practically straight corporate Bible study, communal living and treks of witness. That's why I think you will find this book "Look out the Pentes are coming" (which is in the mail to you but I suppose will take some weeks) with a lot of valuable stuff in it.

Well, just this line with a few thoughts.

ever with my love to you and "the team".



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Aug.2.74

(Venerable!! This is my 79<sup>th</sup> birthday!)

Christine, MY DEAR,

Your letter is an eye-opener and a masterpiece. For years I have looked in vain for an adequate presentation of the French field, not just a few mechanical facts, but with the heart interests and explanations such as you give, dear. So I am amazed and delighted, and feel as if I've

only now “found” a genuine WEC gem!! And, as I so often find, our WEC women (I never like to use the softies word “ladies”, anymore than we speak of the men as “gentlemen”!!) are tops all the way, and “the men to do it”!

You see I haven’t “known” you, except for always reading your circulars and have always caught a breath of fresh air from them but with the idea that you were mainly a “children’s worker”. I don’t believe I would know you by sight (old-age blackouts - of memory!). I wish you were home when I come to England next year. How I would like a chance of a real get-together!! Naturally among a big crowd of Weccers, some become kind of “specials” in understanding, and you would surely be among them! You see another amazement you give me, if I catch you aright - that Helen Kennedy is your sister. Right?? I had no idea. And you talk of her background and yours, and ask what mine was. I did write an autobiography - Once Caught, No Escape; but Weccers don’t get much enthusiasm about my books and I mention them (though the biography is full of WEC facts and history) - but maybe I should send you a copy??

Then yet another blank spot in my memory, I now remember that you were an old original with Leslie & Eva. Shame on me. How old are you then, dear? Grandpas and Venerables have a license to ask!!

I don’t wholly go with you about the Pentes in general. They are a mighty arm of the Spirit worldwide these days, and are a point of God’s entry into many hearts on a genuine level, but I see your point of not being rooted in the life in the Spirit. I am keen and find enormous open doors on this level, on our most thankfully appreciating what God is doing by the charismatics as of Him; and then as we appreciate and are thankful, we can come along and add some, and they are open to us. Remember Pentecost (experience) preceded instruction on what had happened to them. Paul and his teaching followed later. We evangelicals tend to have the Bible teaching, but by no means always the Pentecost experience. They have the experience and need the teaching. We have the teaching, but have we the experience? That’s why I don’t think WEC is truly “liberated” until we are wide open for any moving of the Spirit in any form and with no-strings attached.

Also I must say I don’t go with you in saying a woman can’t found a church, or that a couple is necessary!! Were Jesus or Paul “couples”? We too get stuck with a lot of “tradition”! You see we don’t found churches. Churches are merely people who have the Lord and fellowship together. That is a church; and you can kind of help a few believers to

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function as a fellowship as much as any man. We have "fallen" into this unscriptural idea that a church must have a "pastor"!!

Curious you mention our brother. Only this week I was sent his circular by a Mrs. Moore to pray for him. Of course she says, "Don't write him", so I don't feel free to do so. But I've told Mrs. M, the problem is not demons. They have no place in us except as we believe they have. Nothing can hold us from without or within except as we believe in its or their hold on us. Our only sin and problem is not the devil, but only our inner disobedience in wrong believing. The obedience within the reach of all of us is the Rom.16.26 "obedience of faith". In other words we can by obedience (against all soul feeling and human reasonings) transfer our believing from the devil's bluffs and lies, as if he had some hold on us, to the eternal fact of eternal unity in Christ "far above...". This brother IS there - in Christ, and only lives in an illusory "call" of his own negative believings. And if he read Ps.139.8, he would find Jesus in that hell!!

Yes there are some tapes of my talks running around. I've never been a tape-waller, so don't know details, but I've written to one who I think can get them and send you.

Now this is with my much love, dear, and great joy and hoping to hear again from you.

  
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Aug.24.74

My dear Leslie & Jill,

Your intensely interesting letter of Aug. 14 just reached me. But how my heart and mind goes along so very far with you (and Jilly- my co-Mystic!!). And of course I have paid in other ways some of the price you pay. My "voice" doesn't sound loud in WEC, though much more encouragingly so in British WEC (here I am still an exile) - so we share our far-outness.

So the first thing I say to you, Leslie, is keep boldly bearing your "cross" of WEC not seeming to respond to you, and don't let it move you back one iota from your marvellous "heavenly calling". As a matter of fact, as usual, God's way is thru the cross to resurrection;

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and it is just because you have felt some rejection by WEC that you have been “pitchforked” into a world ministry. Probably you wouldn’t have been so clear in this “new department of WEC” if you had been more “swallowed” by WEC. Of course it is the same with me. I have this tremendous “spiritual life” ministry largely because NA WEC cut me off. So God is no fool!!! So GO RIGHT ON, and I am so glad that really it is already a settled fact that you are a new WEC Branch; and I agree with you there is this big blessing in WEC that we can stretch to give room. I am surely with you in finance too as God enables. I have got a \$41 check on my desk, wondering what for?? You wrote at the right moment!!

But I am more cautious than you on this outreach to the political and social. Of course my main reason is that most evidently Jesus, Paul and the early church did not. So we’d better be pretty cautious when we seek to spread farther than the Scriptures. We need a session on this. I am quite clear that socially we are not meant to move more quickly than we obtain a social conscience. In Paul’s days they were not meant to see wrong in slavery & so on. Just because by now we have an awakening conscience on various lines, we have no business to point our fingers at others who did not (and we’re not meant to) see social injustices (as we see them now). Otherwise your fingers had better start by pointing to God in the OT days, and Jesus & Paul in the NT!! But wait till we meet. Will you be back if I come May-June?

No more now, much love to you both,

PS. Are we not lowering the gospel to ways of world and self-betterment when we are concerned with poverty, disease, wealth distribution, political affairs? Obviously Jesus had not got those on His heart as His concerns. He healed in compassion those who came to him, but he was not concerned with disease or death as general problems. Equally he never touched the politics of Jews’ subservience to Rome, or slavery, or poverty (Just “the poor ye have always with you”). Equally obviously with Paul, and in particular with slavery (1 Cor.7 and Philemon), and the rich (1 Tim.6.17).

Are we not accepting false condemnation as evangelicals as being unloving, uncaring etc, and really listening to the world which will move us away from our high calling? Our “kingdom of heaven within you” message is not first to get folks out of poverty or unfair conditions, or sickness etc; but to get the spirit of poverty and resentments or selfish

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seekings out of folks! Our Christ-liberty is to be manifestors of God's love exactly where we are. We are not to "see" our earthly conditions, but see Christ in us getting thru us just there. There are no prison walls except as I inwardly "see" them as such; but when I see my prison walls from the light of my being "the prisoner of the Lord", then they as it were dissolve and become loving and evangelising centres, and the writings of "prison epistles". So I very much wonder if Lausanne is not dangerously moving us away (really from human self pride in case we should appear humanly uncompassionate) from adherence to our all-out kingdom of God within you gospel.

Social consciousness is quite a different matter and gradually changes with the world concerned with social betterments; but all the social improvements (wide communism) get us just nowhere - they are simply improving flesh. Let those who don't know the true secret of Christ-liberation busy themselves with outer ameliorations, and God bless them; but let us who are entrusted with the truth stick to it on apparently narrow standards.

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May 9.75

Christine my dear,

If your letters are inevitable rare for your busy life, they are sparky, and always have lots of things I like hearing. You are a bit of a rebel, my dear, and WEC is supposed to be made up of rebels, having been founded by one, but we are very proficient at throwing out folks who begin to shew originality!! Glad they haven't thrown you out. You and I must be in the same tradition because I haven't signed P&Ps for thirty or more years. I don't like the P&P idea, too close to legalism, and appeals to human "Law" not to the original ways of the Spirit when the chips are down. I am always watching against that and speaking out as a father-voice in WEC on these lines. So you must be a daughter!!

You have another possible of the same colour coming in due course in Carole Wuersh engaged to Donald. Of course, poor girl, she has been "nurtured" by me, as if I was partly responsible for her going from USA to Glasgow MTC, and have had a number of contacts with her over here, and introduced her to new circles of friends of my lively type. She is alive for whatever God has in due course when she finally finishes her

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language course in Tours, and of course there will be the two of them when they marry. I wonder whether they might not move into college contacts, or something which would be another approach in the France ministry. Anyhow I hope you older ones don't "do the heavy" on younger folks and squash them down before they have a chance to experiment! I have already told Carole I have one lively "daughter" on the French field- who??

Your mimeo'd report is good, love. I see more life and positive reporting than in many past reports which bothered me. There seems real prospects in Commentary with the Graham film. Anything further on that?

Yes, love, you may be right about our public school reserves. We were built in pride in our Colonial days as world rulers, and our Pub school education was geared to teach us leadership. Anyhow I am sure if you and I ever get together, we shall have no reserves, but could do some good sharing.

Don't say you're not brilliant - you are live in the brilliance of the Spirit - and you add to it a lovely handwriting for which I envy you!

My love to you and shall love to hear any time you can spare a moment.

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June 27.75

Christine my dear,

Thank you for sparing time, dear, in your mountainous labours in typing out the reports to add this line in your own beautiful handwriting (I daren't expose mine to you - as my American friends all say it is illegible).

I still wish I could sit down and talk with you - which is out for the present. (Any likelihood you'll be in England next May-June when I plan to be over?). Of course I have read through the Report of your meetings. How I wish these reports had not to be so stilted and formal - but maybe French law makes this necessary. But I come from the days (from around 1931-1955) when the Lord led me to restart WEC (opening a new field pretty well every year) without all this stilted Agenda & Minutes

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system. We majored on fellowship, and incidentally made a few “notes” (that’s all we called them) on what we agreed on. We preferred the risk of even uncertainty on what we’d “decided” last time to the awful grinding of Decisions 1-25, and the referring back to Point 16a a year ago, which is the kind of binding which has turned all the big denoms into Big Business rather than the Holy Spirit. And if folks scoff and say it won’t work, well it did make us by far the most enlarging faith mission those years! However those were “the old days”. I personally rejected my “appointment” by CTS as “president” in a letter left by him when the Lord took him. And said WEC only needs “Secretaries”! And now I see our French Field has a “president”!!

If only it could have been produced in the form of the first “Field Committee” in Acts 15 - “it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us”!! You’ll be angry with me, dear, but I open my heart to you.

But then I had thought that such an important gathering with our so-called (Gal.2.6!) big shots would consider our whole French policy and calling - but there’s not one word on that, only reaffirmation of the towns planned in 1967. Has God got no new or wider word for us? Can we really have evidence that conservative country-town France will take much from British and Americans? Shouldn’t there be some vision and word of faith moved right into that the Spirit must have French for the French, and God will do this miracle for us?

I note how we are labeled JW’s by opposing priests. There is a “Protestant” church recognised in France. Should not our approach be as part of the whole “Protestant” witness in France and known as such?

I am thankful for the most detailed report I have read of various activities in the area. Interesting about the “France Mission”. Had not heard of them before. And their RC Bible study at Neris. That’s surely a ray of light where God is working so much among RC’s thru the charismatic. I wish we flowed right in with them - tongues & all - in our work! But the whole work over twenty years!! Has God got something further to say to us - beyond the status quo?? I thought the presence of our International Secs. would bring this forward. That’s what they are there for. God gave me no rest when I had “responsibility” all those 35 years at HQ without increasing advances by all means. I surely caught that from the Apostle Paul!!

Well, dear, you let me talk with you because I know I can, and you have patience in talking back to me. Bless you.

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With my love as ever, thankful to say Pauline is picking up bit by bit,
Lovingly, (and wonderful if you can write)



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Nov.22.75

My dear Leslie,

You rascal, you always rouse me, and waste my time (I don't think!!). But yours has just come with the questionnaire for fields. I doubt if you'll get much from this. We are not a statistical mission, and I don't know that I want to see us become that. I have just (privately, because WEC NA won't officially listen to me) lambasted Elwin for allowing in his recent staff a dishonest restoration of a 65 retiring age in NA, which we had definitely gone bang against at CC. This is shameful. There is this softening aspect in NA WEC. Fancy them also suggesting a list of "Sponsors" to give us a respectable name among NA churches. Maybe they will have to reap some of what they have to sow when they close their ears to such warning notes as such as I could give!

But to your second Ortiz letters. First, I'm glad you've written Bob Walker who is a real friend and always asking me for articles. But while I remember, have you read this terrific "With the Cross I'll Kill You" by this American independent pioneer, Olsen, among the Motilone Indians - published by Creation House? It's the most down-to-earth and total on the real pioneer identification I've read in a generation. John Whittle has reviewed for his new FLOODTIDE. Now that would be the stuff to feed our MTC's on, even though not to imitate precisely, but to put identifying fires in us. Be sure to read it.

But as to what you say, Leslie, what can we do more than exemplify the Ortiz challenge? Surely in WEC from CT onwards we have, (and again that's one of the reasons I say, Don't fiddle with our all-out faith standard at our homebases!).

I think you know I have often boldly stated I am half a Communist, and still am - not in their blind philosophy, but in their levelling practices in principle. Curiously what always stymied me in my British WEC days was to find that my fellow-WECCERS who had come from

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homes with very little were the Tories, not "Socialists" and I often stood almost alone - in WEC!!!

But of course Ortiz is right about the horrible travesty of the true church as manifested in Rome in S. America, and it is much the same in England. I can't bear to see the Archbishop mouthing evangelical clichés with mitre, throne and all that anti-Christ C. of E. stuff. No wonder the world turns out. Communism has been God's word of judgment on the Church - not the devil's.

Yet with all that, we must not be diverted, and I think Ortiz tends to divert us, and I am not with the trend at Lausanne to self-condemnation of the church for lacking social sensitiveness. Certainly Jack could well condemn himself, having backslidden from a simple RBMU missionary to this Bishop nonsense. But why should we all take his and John's (also hypocritical in that 'class' church) downgrading for all of us? No, in Congo for instance, as indeed in all WEC fields, we have lived the national level so have had no trouble, for they know we are brothers.

Can't say more, except that I agree in principle, and Helen R. for instance pours that out around the churches. But we do by God's grace live this way and we must concentrate on living by example, but giving ourselves to the inner changing gospel.

Much love,



Let your mystical wife answer a fellow-mystic!!

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Ap.25.81

My dear Walter,

I do appreciate your writing and "dialoguing" with me. I have greatly wanted, and missed, fellow-Weccers talking "union life" and our principles over with me, but it has been mainly silence except for Stewart, Neil and one or two others; and that is why it meant much to me that Ken and you all not only welcomed me but opened your hearts and minds for our time of sharing. Dawn is breaking! I am now sending round a magnificent letter from Evan. So it means much to me that you have troubled to write. This from Evan will be No. 1!

I take note of your “warning” about “throwing off the yoke of the organized church”. You hit a rough spot there. You see our “replacement” message (Christ completely replacing Satan – Spirit of truth for spirit of error – is too radical for most, eliminating the whole ‘two nature’ teaching, which I am seeking to bring out yet more clearly with its Scriptural basis in the next book – “Yes, I Am”); yet it is central to our worldwide ministry, as the only necessary completion of the “gospel” which Paul preached to “all the world” in Col. 1:23, to which he added his second “ministry to the church” (1:25), which he called “fulfilling” - the word of God, and for which he suffered such persecution, and which he said was to “present every man perfect in Christ Jesus”. And you know that the vast majority of evangelical churches who preach the 1:23 gospel just do not go on to the fulfilling of 24-29, and resent it, if pressed, as dangerous and radical. And this is our vital third pillar – holiness – wholeness.

Perhaps our danger as a WEC is to retain our links with many churches at the price of not going all the way either with the radicalness of “sacrifice” (“apostles appointed unto death” not to be “preserved” by Boards, and that was why the IFMA rejected Rusico and me when they interviewed us): or equally the completeness of our Faith Pillar, which really only CIM and ourselves maintain without adding “tell His people” to “ask the Lord”; and I wrote an article years back in British Worldwide while I was publisher on “The decline of faith in the faith missions”, and it was not popular.

And we have our problems, and it is my own also, in those who get the “replaced reality” from Union Life to remain steady in churches which really teach self-effort works as the way to continue the Christian life after saving grace. Complete following thru with such as Rom. 6-8 is as radical as entry into Rom. 3-5!

So we have our problem with many who, though saved through their churches, are tired of wilderness living, and tend to react against their church-fellowships which never gave them the “promised land”. And I too have the danger, which you warn against, of not enough recognising with thankfulness that such churches do preach Christ as Paul said in Phil. 1.18.

And equally it is of supreme importance (as Evan points out) that as a WEC we do stand “ruthlessly” for this whole gospel experienced in our co-workers and transmitted to our national churches and leaders.

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So I suppose for that reason we are heavy on the side of folks finding that “fulfilled word of God” of Paul’s, though it does disturb church relations, and indeed does not give us many openings in normal evang. churches.

Well, it is just good for me that you give me this chance of sharing and exploring with you. I would love more Weccers to have this Union Life Mag, for it has great riches and reality in it which would bring benefit, release and new authority in the Spirit to many; but unfortunately (but no, I shouldn’t say that, because God even used that to throw me into this enlarging co-ministry). Weccers in general have regarded it as way off, and jumped on what appear as weaknesses or overstatements here and there, and throw out the glorious baby with the bathwater!

So thank you, and with my love,



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Bulstrode  
July 17.81

My dear Samuel,

I am off back to USA on Monday midday. I carry with me much that the Lord gave us together those days. I had not seen so clearly how the Lord has set you, as it were by yourself, these years to preserve the one revelation of intercession, to be untouched by nothing else, until the time for a wider outspread had come. And I saw how the intervening years had made room for the Spirit’s emphasis to pass on from the one to whom He gave the revelation and principles to the principles of the revelation, and this is the new door thru the new book.

One other thing comes to me which I thought I would like to mention to you, for the Lord’s leading. It is obvious to me that the Lord from those early days made His link between the College and us in WEC/CLC. It goes back to the “strange” guidance to Mr. Howells to come and visit me in Keswick and then my coming here and instantly recognizing on our first walk that here was the Spirit speaking to me in a new way. Then I found how Mr. Howells had long recognized CT Studd as one who had paid and was paying the full price of the intercessor and he would surely “gain” the intercession which is surely happening, as



usual after his death as a "failure"! Then I began to see how Mr. Howells would constantly say that the Lord would only let CTS be succeeded by one who was walking the same way and I think I may say he saw it was I long before I saw it myself.

And then the new phase started in which the two men thru whom God spread the work worldwide in WEC/CLC, were Alfred Ruscoe and I. We know that though we got our foundations thru CTS, there would have been no superstructure or building but for what God taught and gave us thru Mr. Howells, though WEC-CLC have not yet really realised that.

But then there was also to be training of our new recruits, and CTS urged us to get them from Emmanuel and the Bible College. We got good folks thru Emmanuel but here again the lasting revelation is the Intercession thru the Bible College.

And we are now at a time when the full teaching and understanding and living of intercession is being revived among us. I fully see it as the full message of our "Union Life", which must start at the chapter on the Holy Spirit in the RH Life, but then goes on to the full life of intercession, our folks in Union Life are getting this and many have some understanding, and are fully prepared as I bring this still more strongly to them. But WEC also, praise God, at least many of the older ones live the life of intercession, and could come to a fuller understanding.

So I had boldly wondered whether, as you already have foreign students, there might be any possibility by which WEC could look on the College as its place for training, and where the students could also get "intercession". I find a great lack in present recruits and new workers to see the full call and meaning of intercession, and quite easily turn back in the day of battle. I had wondered therefore whether without any change in the College at present, with the intercession teaching and living going on as before, there might be some link for WEC with the College both for British and foreign candidates. Right back to what CT said to us these years back about getting our recruits from the College. It just seems obvious that the Spirit has linked us these years so that really WEC-CLC is as much an outbirth of the College and Rees Howells as of CT Studd.

Much love, joy and praise,



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Nov.10.81

Dearest Helen,

Thank you for your letter which reached me to-day which represents the views of WEC in general, so far as you are able to ascertain, and thank you also, dear, for your personal loving line enclosed with it. Certainly you are right to express your viewpoints and convictions, also I agree with you. Our calling is not to divert our precious WEC co-workers from their one "high calling" to be confused or disturbed by controversy. So I shall not send what I now write to any Weccer, though you may think it worth sharing with those with whom you consulted; and I shall send copies to some interested folks in Union Life, but not to WEC unless any write me about it.

So I would only say just one or two brief things. Love, wherever did you or any get the ideas that we in Union Life don't believe in your three points - that we don't believe in a personal devil, in God's standards of holiness, or in the responsibility of the individual for his personal sin. Again I really feel inclined to just laugh!! It is so totally opposite to what we believe, know and teach! I've personally written seven books on what God has made real to me from the Scriptures - Touching the Invisible, Law of Faith, Liberating Secret, Spontaneous You, Deep Things of God, God Unlimited, Who Am I, and can anyone point out a single sentence in which I call in question any one of these, but rather strongly emphasize all?? And if any read thru our Union Life Magazines, they will find them full of total Christ-centeredness and nothing else, and the total conquest of Satan as a person by Him, and the total end result of our Christ-union being "walking as He walked", and in I John 1.9 if there is a fall into sin, though with the main exhortation of 2.11!! How can any fair reader of those many pages come to any fair conclusion other than what I now affirm as total conviction of all of us?

Then your main reiteration of us saying we are Christ. Again, my real answer is to laugh. It is so totally absurd to think or say that any of us who have known ourselves by the Word and Spirit to be vessels, branches, temples, slaves and to have moved by faith in the blood and body death of Christ and resurrection, from our human created selves in the captive control of the "spirit of error" and doing his lusts, not

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ours (John 8:44) to his replacement by the Spirit of truth in that same redeemed body, to think that we are He...to us who know this Biblical truth by inner revelation, to say we are Christ is beyond blasphemy and into absurdity! And I don't really believe that any of my precious Weccers really believe that I, who have had such years of leadership among you all, could believe that or consort with those who believed it. How I wish that such an absurdity could be blotted out of the even thinking of my co-Weccers! You all surely know that HE Only is our All in all to us all!

One thing I do admit is that in our endeavour to present what we see to be Rom. 6-8 truth, and a great deal else, of that "replacement reality" of Satan expressing himself by us in the old relationship (such as Eph.2. 1-3, John 8.44, 2 Cor.4.4, 1 John 3.8-12) by Christ as in Gal.2.20, Col.3.4, 2 Pet.1.4 etc., we do seek to say we are expressors of Christ, as body expressing Head, branch Vine etc, and thus we say we are human forms of Christ or some such phrases, and I think in our pages sometimes a word or two of what might seem overstatement has slipped in. But to us who see the GLORY of this revelation in which we are in essence walking Christs when we used to be walking Satans, any overstatements are seen and corrected in the great general flow of inspiration in what is being shared; and I long that readers, including my Weccers, could so catch the glory that they don't "make a man an offender for a word", as Isaiah said. Thus it is true that our aim is to help folks to move in Spirit-consciousness from being "pots to persons", vessels, yes, but actively commissioned as apostles, intercessors, crusaders using that word of faith of Mark 11.22-24, "able ministers" (2Cor.3.6), "more than conquerors", slaves yet having dominion, indeed called "gods". I am hoping to have in print by the Spring maybe my last book called YES I AM to spur us on to be whom He has ordained and anointed us to be, and to offer it to all Weccers with my signature as perhaps my last word, seeking to clarify from Scripture what I have sought to say these many years.

So I won't say more now, but send this with my great love to you all.



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Dec.4, 81

My dear Ivor,

Yours is a precious letter which has just reached me, full of love and thankfulness for our wonderful years of co-serving the Lord and with Pauline now rejoicing at reaching her heart's desire in being with Jesus. Also your news is so good of your Singapore visit, and your own ministry there, and the living zeal of the young Chinese.

But I will take this opportunity also of expressing my sorrow, which I can to you because you have a heart of such understanding and loving appreciation, that Weccers on the whole bypass and even condemn in print that total fearless absorption in God Only and God All which some of us are being led to reaffirm in the terms which we speak of Union Life Reality - i.e. Total Reality.

This stretching to the limit in all the variety of the Spirit's way of expressing Himself was the very essence of C.T.'s abandonment which its final form in his DCD outcry and took him to his human grave an outcast by the evangelical church. And the same with our magnificent Rees Howells, who was stretched to the limit by the Holy Spirit in his final declaration of faith that the war had ended and the world liberated for the gospel, which equally destroyed him in the eyes of the believers, so that he died with their thumbs turned down on him as a false prophet. Yet those two men had just that quality of "beyond the limit" which has always destroyed the prophets and apostles in their days, only to have their monuments built after they had gone, as Jesus said; and today we know WEC would not be what it now is, but for the final "cutting edge" of CT's DCD which laid the foundation of our new WEC, freed from Committee control and tonings down of our "extreme" pillars; and his testimony has been the outstanding book of our generation on the abandoned life for Christ, and quoted by the whole church. And as for Rees Howells, I personally should never have known how to walk that way of forward-moving faith if I had not first learned the secret from him; and today his life-witness is spread all over the USA, and there was one order alone last year for 50,000 copies; and he is considered the modern prophet of intercession, so that Doris Ruscoe, at my urgings and the Spirits confirmation to her, is now producing this further book on REES HOWELLS EXPLAINS INTERCESSION.

And in my day I sought to follow by being the only Missionary Society which refused Board control and maintained leadership in the

hands of the Spirit by the fellowship, and refused the title of "President" to which CT appointed Pauline and me, and deliberately took the title of "secretary" as not implying human authority; and continued our all-out stand of the way of faith alone for finances, adding to it the principle of homebasers not taking mission funds, to release all possible for the fields, (and indeed I got into much disfavour by writing the article "The Decline of Faith in Faith Missions"!), and was regarded in my day as much of a maverick by my fellow missionary secretaries, and was never asked to address them.

But to me the basis and kernel of all our or any Spirit-operation is that each individual knows and experiences the "replaced life", in which, as Paul said, it is not I, but HE replacing me as the one living my life; and in that inwardly-known relationship, the paradox is that I get myself back totally under His hidden inner management (Col.3.3,4, etc.), so that I Know myself and act as a totally liberated son of God and commissioned apostle, and act and operate as a freed self, just as Jesus, as the perfect Man, was the total "I Am" in His free self, yet within was not He, but the Father, and in that relationship could then say, "He that hath seen Me hath seen The Father." And so we are as He, as John said in 1 John 4.17. This was the main drive of all my years of leadership in WEC, and in the training of new recruits, and has been the heart of the message of all the books the Spirit (I hope) led me to write.

And since my days as International Secretary ended, I have given myself to spreading this, to me, "Total Reality" to all who will hear me, especially here in the USA; and completely surprisingly to me the Spirit took hold of a brother I had not then known before, who had been for ten years on the staff of Wheaton College, a lawyer, Chartered Accountant, a Real Estate Developer, and owner of several Motels, Bill Volkman, and gave him such a new total revelation of Christ in him, as him, that he began this Union Life magazine and gave it that title.

From that time onwards, this "total message" of us as liberated selves in Holy Spirit living and action has had two effects. The first, that very many, increasingly so, have been and are being "fixed" by the Spirit into this same inner knowing of who we really are in Christ and He in us. The Magazine is already going to 20,000 (though that is few enough when the whole redeemed church needs to hear who they all truly are, and be delivered from their painful struggling walk of defeated Ro.7, and into the "large place" of the continued walk in the Spirit, and not the flesh, of Romans 8 - the indwelling Christ having

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completely replaced indwelling sin, if they only knew it; and on then into the outpoured abandoned life of living sacrifice and Spirit outflow from us, in taking the gospel to the world, and leading the redeemed into possessing their full possessions, as in Roman 9-15.

But the other effect has been that the radicalness of this all-out reality is too much for many. We expect this, as it always has been so in the history of the church, who so often prefer the umbrella of some law-control on their lives to what appears to be (until it becomes to you a glorious fact by faith) the exhilarating but dangerous-looking free life in the Spirit, where "the wind blows where it listeth," and those in it shout the joy of the mountain-top and high road living. And in seeking to share our joy and exhilaration, and calling on people to join us, maybe sometimes some strange phrases may pop out, or even off-centre by the newly-experiencing. I can therefore fully understand some reserve at some phrases (just as the DCD shocked so many!), but, Ivor, my beloved, I had thought that Weccers who do live abandoned lives for Jesus up to their measure, would first catch the glory of what we are saying of this glorious, released, Christ-lived life; and that it would mean so much to them that they can easily bypass this statement or that. But alas for me, it has not been so. On the contrary, I know Weccers speak of "poor Rubi losing the way", though some try to differentiate between me and Union Life! Somehow they haven't caught the glory, but sniff heresy, as if we actually say we are Christ - which of course is to us not blasphemy, but a joke! If once you have known who you are, for ever, the vessel, branch, temple, slave, body-member, etc., and never had a nature except the former nature of the spirit of error, cast out forever in Calvary, and now possessed and owned and operated totally by the replaced Spirit of truth, and we humans simply expressors and manifestors of the Spirit united to us, how could we ever imagine or say we are HE??!! Yet some of my precious Weccers really think we say, and thus presumably believe that! Yes, this is my sorrow, and how can I but feel that as a Crusade we have lapsed from the radicalness (and thus unpopular) positions of CTS, Rees Howells, JD Drysdale, in whatever different terms they taught and lived their far-outness? Is WEC thus "far-out" today?

And I am sure that, though you write of approving the emphasis of us as "containers", you know we move right on from being, as we say in Union Life, "pots to person". And in other words not so much seeing ourselves as containers separate from what we contain, but rather as, in our union with Him who we contain, actual expressors of Him; He

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in our form, (like CT's saying of Jesus Christ running around in black bodies, and Jesus saying that we are the Light!) And somehow I seem to have mistakenly conveyed to you that we remain passive containers, and have not moved on to Paul's final Gal.2.20 statement - "the life I now live, I live..." with very much the New Self in total action! Sorry I did not convey that, but I surely meant it!

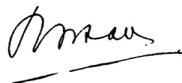
And you see I joyfully have regarded you as one in WEC who has fearlessly "gone farther", even to the discomfort of some in WEC, with your glorious revival (Pentecostal) emphasis since your experience in the Congo revival - and how fully I have backed and stood for you in your glorious all-out witness.

So, for our love for each other, so expressed in your present letter, and our obvious heartfelt union in the ways of the Spirit all our years, I have felt liberty to write my heart out to you. I just have to go on, though not in always the conventional evangelical terms, but I trust always true to Scriptural revelation. I deeply believe that there is a shortness in that early quality of fearless DCD abandonment which brought WEC and CLC into being, and exemplified by such men in our beginning history as CTS, Rees Howells and JD Drysdale; and even care to say that the rejection of our Union Life witness, despite its shortcomings, is indicative of that move away from that caring not for man or devil or even "the church", and therefore the seriousness of our probably not imparting to our national brethren this same Holy Spirit abandoned, fire-filled, Christ-expressing, truly Pentecostal "way of God" in the New Testament and early church; and yet with that my great thankfulness that WEC does go further than others, and I am proud of my fellow-Weccers and would be with no other "Crusade", and equally my faith and stated word of faith that the Spirit is bringing WEC back to its total, fearlessly-confessed all-outness, even where it does go beyond or differ from other God-led missionary groups.

So thank you for letting me share this with you. It may well be one of my last attempts to write out my whole heart on these matters, so I may have the boldness to share with some others.

Ever loving you and thanking God for you, and for your children.

Lovingly,



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March 22.82

My dear John,

I'm just home from a tour and found yours here. As I see you still raise the question of how I might make my "ministry acceptable in WEC circles" and point out that I've not yet answered that. Yes, I certainly will. Thank God He has long taught me what Paul said to the Galatians, "Do I now please men"?! No, I've known for years that I have only one concern in relation to what I share with others - and that is to be as sure as I can be that what I'm sharing with others is what by the Spirit, joined to me, backed by the Scriptures, is the genuine total truth to me. That I then give with no strings attached. Its effect on others is nothing to do with me. That's the work of the Spirit, who, as John said, is our inner teacher by whom we "know all things". And it is for HIM to confirm or reject in others what I say. Precisely as Paul did not withhold a word, though Peter admits it as "hard to be understood", and that "some wrest to their own destruction"! and Jesus toned down none of His difficult sayings, as in John 6.54, which caused many to leave Him and even questioned whether His disciples would go too!

And then you again in your letter comment on my saying that your "exchanged-container life experience is not the sum total of what the Union Life experience has in store for me"; and therefore whether that means that Union Lifers are a class apart"? John, I told you when you first raised the point of my making things clearer for the Weccers that I have for years had such a great admiration for and delight in your worldwide SOON ministry that I would consider it presumption to raise any question about how you responded to what God is giving through Union Life. But that as you now raise this question of it being good if I find better ways of explaining what I'm sharing, I then had to say to you that, if you really knew in Spirit-understanding what the Spirit is saying by us, you would be so delighting in its total liberating truth that you would not spend much time in exhorting us to alter our ways of putting it. And so now what you say about whether I mean you have not the "sum total" and whether as a consequence Union Lifers are a class apart, I have to say, No, John, much as I love and thank God for your great ministry, no, you have not entered into what God is giving by us, and I would even say you are not meant to concern yourself with it, but go right on with your own "high calling". But as you now press me for an answer, that's what it is. I think I've already told you I knew that from

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the time I first thought to share what God has given us at Kilcreggan Leadership Conf. and you commented after, "O, that's just Rubi always getting some new thing from some book or other!" (or words to that effect!) Well, ok I say, John, go right ahead with your glorious calling and only take (as I know you will) what the Spirit makes real to you. But there the fact is as I say, if you "knew", you would be overwhelmed with joy and praise together with us, and have no time for concern on how to present the message in a clearer or more acceptable way.

And are Union Lifers a class apart?! Yes, we gloriously belong to the only "class apart" in heaven and earth, ALL THE REDEEMED who are all actually in the total "mystery" of Paul's "fulfilled" message, of which he wrote as his second ministry in Col. 1:24-29, having said his first ministry was in 1:23. So, yes, yes, we are ALL one class apart, only that it includes even the whole world if only they believed, received and knew!

So bless you, John, as He so richly does and by grace blesses us also; and so we continue in our wonderful love-bond of these about 45 years.

All my love,



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Aug.15

My dear Jack & Peggy,

Thank you for that excellent Canadian Communiqué. I had asked to be put on the list and so am glad of "obedience!", and specially glad of your own note at bottom. Plenty of good and wide spreading news.

I greatly enjoyed my visit to your HQ (though I heard the rumour that I was too long-winded, but of course I would say folks weren't eager enough to catch on to the "total Secret"!)

I had a great time in England - best ever, and very much so at Bulstrode. Was given morning meetings which of course I stretched from ½ hour to one hour, Neil took it and said I had thanked him for letting me speak but that was not the problem - the problem was stopping me!! But I believe the Spirit really worked in many, and at least I enjoyed it. Had very special times with Neil himself who asked me to open my heart and say all I wanted to about present day WEC and coming leaders. I also like Neil saying he had now found the way of peace in the midst of his great involvement and he looked it! Also great open times with Patrick and Jill who also came to a 150 Weekend I had

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with mainly house church of young marrieds (they horribly called it a Norman Grubb Conf) in a Training College. Others would have come too but didn't know it in time. Also at Kilcreggan with Rowes. Bill asked me to take Sun morn which of course I again lengthened, but he came and asked me to take the place of the Monday speaker and give them more. So glad of that. Also loved visiting Jock. My Sandie drove me around.

So glad you have such joy and expansion in your ministry, and good news of your daughter.

ever with my love,



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May 25

Dear Folks,

A surprise and startling request has been sent to many of our leading "Weccers" by Stewart Dinnen who is the chief teaching voice listened to by all on all our fields and homebases, asking various ones to comment on my teachings, so that he can pass on the comments in our "family" paper he edits called "THE WECCER". Needless to say, I was delighted that there should be a call for such an honest digging into our "truth" by my loved Weccers - and indeed just before CLC are at last producing the YES I AM book, and I already am intending to offer a signed copy to any Weccer who would like to receive it - a maybe final voice from their ancient past!!

But with my pleasure and praise in Stewart's doing this (because in fact the Lord has been wonderfully leading him to "see" what we are seeing), there has just come this copy of a reply to Stewart from Phil Booth, our keenest spiritual mind in WEC - (and actually the one who was combating me awhile back). But I'm delighted (and greatly laughed) at his comments, and feel the stream of love, not irony or sarcasm in them, but basic genuine agreement in the Spirit. So I thought I would share a taste of it with some of you before I fly to Britain for my two months on June 4.

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All my love. This is indeed the Holy Spirit opening the hearts and minds of my Weccers to what the Lord is saying, and I know they have that quality of abandonment to God which will give them listening ears to Bible-based truth.

Love to you all



My Sandie will mail this to you.

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My dear Field or Sending Base Leader,

The C.L.C. has just published a book called YES I AM. It is probably the last the Spirit has given me to write before I gloriously "go home", being now 87 years with you all in the battle line.

The book gives details from the days in 1924 in the Congo when the Spirit first established the glory of "I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me" as a reality in the hungry hearts of both Pauline and me.

That midday sun of revelation has been enlarged, as Paul said it would be (Eph. 1. 18), through the years, but it has remained the basis of what I always sought to share when taking my share for thirty five years at the British and International ends of the WEC; and since then in sharing the publication of a "Union Life" magazine which goes at present to 20,000 and will greatly enlarge, as there are so many thousands of precious redeemed people of God who know so little about "possessing their full possessions" (Obad.17). So, this may be in final form for me, I have sought to present in detail, mainly as that great Rom. 6-8 has been opened to me; and into the liberated life in which we can truly "be ourselves" and in full intercessory and faith-operating action for the whole world.

So I would much like to send a copy of this to any of you on our fields or homebases, whether known personally to me or not, as in my Crusade family, signed by my name and mentioning yours.

I would be grateful, therefore, if I could trouble you to let your co-workers know. Then if any send me their name and address, I will send

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it to you; or if there are several on the field or homebase, send them together. The Lord has provided the finances to do that.

With my love and hoping to hear from you, whether individually or from any of you leaders,

Lovingly in our Crusade bonds,

  
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Dec.10 '85

Dear Stewart,

I was delighted to get yours yesterday, and count it 'something' when you in your hectic life spare time for a note. I fear it looks like my being away early June, as that is when I have an end-May New England Conf and then go on for my annual Toronto visit. But I'll see and of course would be keen to get with you.

This brochure "IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THIS" has just come, and I'll think I'll break my bank (not God's!) and airmail you a copy. Of course I appreciate you saying, daringly by faith, that you'll like it. My plan is to send a copy to every field leader & tell them it's what I said at Interconn, though more extended, or equally a shortened form of YES I AM in its essential central part, and then offer to send copies for any who would like them on the condition that they would really take the couple of hours to read and not just shelve in their busy lives! So I'll await hearing whether I still add it has your backing. Folks here who read it in typescript think it really clarifies.

And now this SUMMIT LIVING has arrived! Stewart, I'm amazed as I dig into it here & there (but really it so 'bites' that I've read the lot) at the Spirit-led industry and guidance by which you dug out and assembled all these quotes. I'm really staggered! But I have to say as I read them, they do grip and stir. I've not yet pushed it, but folk are catching on. One has ordered 50 hard and 50 paper-back and now orders another two 50's! Another 20 for Christmas gifts etc. Also John and Kath Whittle are flat out for it, and now he is back in WEC (very happy in the new building), WEC will hopefully get free of their still caution about him as a Rubi-fan and they'll use him in the WEC sessions. He speaks well of present WEC under Will, and he cares for his folk and they like him.

In that respect I'm right with Ken Getty, and there is a great go-getting spirit in Hamilton - (and he welcomes me to speak and identifies himself with the message), while of course here, next-door, I'm kept on the outside as ever these ten years while I burst to be able to 'pour' on the recruits! John says they are a good group, but when the last lot were welcomed into fellowship each was given out as college grad of some kind. WOE IS ME! Wouldn't CT turn in his grave, and I love the first sentence of your own preface to SUMMIT!!

But yes, I do see with joy a fresh touch of faith and onward moving in WEC under your leadership. Hope you can continue beyond next year! Yes, I saw the WECCERS report and your news reports and am thrilled by so much in them. There IS a rising tide compared to recent years. You bemoan losses as in Australia. Stewart, you folk are to blame! I boiled and fought and wrote you to protest dropping the vital word CRUSADE- for fear of what? What Moslems might think?? Wow!! CLC remains "Crusade" and Billy Graham! And we slipped off a cutting edge in our title. Just mish-mash now "For Christ" instead of Crusade. Shame! And you all bringing in this HORRIBLE "don't want you after 65"! I boil to see our Weccers walking off their battle grounds instead of being Ma Soli, Jim Grainagers etc. John W. tells me he is not even allowed in staff meetings here. Something rotten in the state of Denmark! We used to say "YOU ARE THE WEC" - just you, if all have left!! Now we're halfbaked, who come in with our eye mainly on our families and fitting our WEC calling into our children's education, and because Mother needs me home!! God help us! No wonder they keep me from getting at them, I'd burst the damn, and with a fresh version of DON'T CARE A DAMN!

But Stewart, Stewart, YOU ARE SOLDIERING ON. You and Marie have the right stuff. (So I am sure all Weccers have at heart, but they are not really challenged, as of old, and allowed to go to fields halfbaked- pop in, pop out. God help us! And I don't like this "in thing" of to-day- "Church planting"! NO! NO! NO! CHRIST PLANTING. CT didn't care a hoot about planting churches. He was all out for Holy Spirit planting in lives. Yet a year after he was gone, when they (that great Harrison) put out a call to get together, 10,000 came, some a months journey! Churches were merely convenient forms of get-together. Paul was a CHRIST-PLANTER. Stewart, Stewart, KEEP CALLING US BACK TO ARMS! Or is it too late? I hear even Wills' great word here is BALANCE. No! No! EXTREME is the word WEC was born in. Look at CTS! Look at Jesus.

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Balanced? Wow! Yes, another kind of perfect balance but which will ALWAYS look to the world or half baked church (which most are) as fanatical. SHAME! Rescue us!!

No more room! But I am pleased CLC have sent SUMMIT round to bookstores who are displaying it, so it may open a door for folk to get more.

Bless you and thank you GREAT about new advances - Greece, Fiji, Guinea, Congo!

All my burning love!



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Feb. 21.88

My dear Dieter,

I am just home and found your good good letter of Jan.4. Again I am most grateful that in your brimful life you spare time to share a bit with me. I greatly follow thru with your kind of necessary balance between "Principles and Practices"! In other words we stand fast to the faith principle, but quite rightly have to apply it in practice to present day situations. I note what you say about recruits from USA going out with no financial backgrounds of support, and I take it there are also problems with recruits from third world churches, and I see it as right to dig into right faith backgrounds for their outgoings. I see also that it is well within Paul's exhortations that churches should be challenged with their giving responsibilities. But I do believe you, as does Stewart and thank God many others, see the first importance is in all considerations to have our total basic faith principle totally preserved- that the outgoings and continued supports stem from genuine faith foundations. I guess you know (but I only heard this by way of grapevine and it has never been publicly acknowledged) that for the first time in WEC history a big building has been built on still unpaid debts, I believe over a hundred thousand, and the new Retired Home here. So there ARE hidden gaps of faith which are covered over, but being there and not squarely faced, it does mean that some in authority have never squarely conformed to our faith bases. So there surely have to be watchful eyes.

C.T.Studd was rugged and his whole life bears witness to that and the consequent constant stream of those who couldn't "wholly follow". I

would urge you to remember that I think I am the only one living now in WEC who lived with CTS (Jenkinson also did, and a good fellow, but he ultimately left). I saw and knew the TOTAL God-way he lived. But he was fierce fierce for continued allegiance to the original WEC principles, and sometimes even battled in his letters with Mother Studd who questioned things from the home end, and the battles shew in letters- but that loyal great CTS lived straight by Luke 14:26 onward, and that goes far. Even my Pauline when we first arrived in 1920 to that half dozen isolated there thru years of WW I found CTS much cared for by a Gertrude Brombegger called "Mama Mototo", and Pauline as daughter, knowing nothing of African life, was brash enough to suggest she shd look after her father rather than Mama Mototo, and got a rightful snub from her father: I also in ridiculous youthful zeal of seeing some men come out for Christ in Cambridge, told CTS we needed special prayer for revival, and so CTS said, "Certainly, let's have an early morn talk." But we already were getting up at 4.0 am for quiet time before life started at 6.0 am, so CTS beat the drum next morn at 2.0 am for extra prayer. We weren't there!!! He soon hustled us off to a hill station (new) called Deti, and we soon soon learned we didn't know the first thing about really winning the Africans and they all began to leave us, so we learned to humble ourselves and wrote and told CTS and returned to Nala to learn!!! I only say this because I know from being there the greatness and totalness of that man, despite rumours 'clever' people think they can detect from some of his redhot letters! Actually we still have a big store of unexamined correspondence from earliest days which I shall probably look into this summer and leave in Sandie's charge.

But no wonder CTS brought out in his later years that DCD booklet as a shock because he rightly foresaw the danger of drift from such as that Luke 14 standards, and we have to face it as true.

Think of the number now of new workers we give the right hand of fellowship to who already have families and we know in their minds they expect after about ten years to return for their children's education; a THOUSAND MILES from our early stands that all who join us for fields see it as a LIFE'S COMMISSION! And we don't even ask that to-day of our new recruits and so many both here and Britain trained in Bible Schools which have never claimed to have our total standards. We used to be named (when I first brought out the CT book) as "the Franciscans of Modern missions" - I grievously fear to-day we are just normal adjuncts. Probably it would cost a revolution, as did DCD but

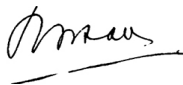
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give us our new start, to present anything like our "total" on Luke 14 and I Cor.4:9-15 standards.

The Lord give you courage to be faithful to all you see to be our true WEC foundations and pay whatever price. I believe you have in yourselves and Stewart and indeed Patrick the true mettle. It also includes fitting the children into the call, not the call into the children. Who faces and accepts that to-day??

You know how I poured my heart out in books to present to us our own total Christ-stand, but you know I am considered "dangerous" by our own Weccers, though I will send round this Rom. 6-8 brochure where Paul makes so plain that there never was just "me" serving Christ, but a "me" with no independent self operation; "Me" with all authority and sufficiency as a total Christ-expressor - mightily at work as Paul so said in Col.1:29, "according to HIS working which worketh in me mightily". That is SUPPOSED to be the standard upon which new recruits START, but my own Weccers now have a shock when I say that IS our standard, as CTS said, "Jesus running around in our white bodies"!! Fancy missionaries now returning for a "well earned rest"- such a phrase wd turn CTS in his grave! He said we go home to stir the dead churches to come out and get the world evangelized!!! You can see how I hate dropping the CRUSADE word, and now a nicey, picey "WEC International". Precisely - like a dozen other "Mission internationals". Oh WEC, WEC, where are you? All sorts of 'demands' on trainings for recruits, where THE DEMAND - the fire of the Holy Spirit in abandoned lives - and NOTHING ELSE??

So bless you, Dieter and I'm with you in spirit and Stewart and Patrick.



Always pretty good words from readers of SUMMIT

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June 9.88

Jill dearest,

It was an 'event' getting such a letter from you. I was thrilled, but it arrived the day I was being driven to one of our fellowship weekends.

I love to “pour out” when I am driven and I am so thankful that we now have a rising army of those we can call co-knowers. Actually, I see in your letter that that is a spot which raised eyebrows with you when you read Brian Coatney saying that that is our commission “to the whole church in the whole world”. There is this double commission, both to get the gospel to every creature and to present every man perfect in Christ: Paul made that latter plain in his great “fullness” commission of Col.1.24-29, noting the word on “fulfilling word of God” in v. 25 following right on to his word on “preaching the gospel to every creature under heaven” in the previous verse, and then his final “striving according to the power working in him” in that last v. 29, to get that “completeness” to all the churches as in the epistles. Plainly a dual ministry. CTS had that with his first “burning” to “get to the remaining unevangelised peoples in the shortest possible time” which took him to Congo as to him the neediest: yet years later his “burnings” were as when I first met him in 1920 to “see Jesus Christ running about inside black bodies”; and I was involved as his courier between Congo and London when the comfortably-seated Exed Committee in London wrote chiding him for losing his worldwide vision! His answer to them was that God had now given him his special portion in the “worldwide” in the Congo tribes, and now let God call out others to do the pioneering in other lands; which of course took real place after His glory-call in 1931 when we entered a new field practically every year till we were in 35 fields; and this we did wholly based on our renewed God-commission to fulfill what CTS had declared in that first letter back to Mrs. CT on his travels to Congo, that our commission was not only to the H of Africa, but the “whole unevangelised world”. So God did precisely that, and kind of commissioned me via CTS to pick up that baton in 1931 when he passed it on to us. So also in Paul, while having his eyes fixed on further extensions, as to Spain, yet all these letters were totally totally on the second commission of seeing Christ FORMED in the believers! The very process CTS continued: and I too, as it was the world vision which first drew me to baby WEC rather than other missions, and got me out from the army to join CTS, but when I had come face to face with the Africans my whole weight passed over into getting Christ “formed” in myself as per Gal.2.20, and then to our Africans. I “picked up” the straight gospel advance to every country in 1931 for those next 35 or so years, but ALWAYS ALWAYS I was eaten up by the BURNING DESIRE TO SEE THE NEW CONVERTS TO THEIR

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Gal.4:19 further depth-experience of “Christ formed, more than just born” in them; and this has continued as THE BURNING FLAME IN ME ever since, and is so desperately in me still.

That is why, Jill dear, you don’t know what it meant to me when, to me, a strange lady came to my room on my Bulstrode visit, and I found it was Jill Johnstone; but SUPREMELY telling me that the Spirit had been revealing to her what I was and am still so burdened, that the Spirit sets Weccers alight with to-day. You see I don’t know whether in some ways, MTC training is a subtle snare, as it makes the trainees think and say that they now know and live Gal.2.20, so what more can there be??? I never had an MTC Gal. 2.20, and had to find it by myself with Pauline in our Congo situation and helped by the impact of CT’s own burning life, and by the writings of Mrs. Penn Lewis, sent Pauline by a friend. So with real travail and searching, and finally that spoken word of faith by us both at about 4.0 am in a Congo banana plantation, to which the Spirit gave personal “subjective” inner witness to Pauline two weeks later and to me two years later - but I had never let go my word of faith. This then became MAJOR in my commission - to COMBINE the getting the gospel to peoples with, not just “objective” church-planting (highly dangerous to me), but the Paul’s “travail again” till Christ is formed in them. WHERE? Where? do I hear or read of our Weccers having that equally compulsive burning to see these “churches” Holy Spirit bonfires! WHERE? WHERE? And yet, Can we get it over to present day Weccers that we have, as did Paul and CTS, a DOUBLE COMMISSION.

I am way past the possibility of being with you in Interconn III as I was privileged to be with you in Interconn II, when you were, Jill dear, the first woman speaker and then I followed you next day. Is there now a chance that you or someone could give even a written word from me as oldest Weccer to EXHORT to a genuine recall of WEC to the thorough “subjective” facing of our getting our No. 3 Pillar into the foreground as strongly as the others? - No. 3 - HOLINESS - which of course means Paul’s Gal.4.19; and the point in those newly-starting 1931 days was to cut out “formal” morning half-hour “devotions” (Horrible term!) and replace with timeless waiting on God, and grasping HIS standards for us and faith operations: such hours more important than the following business hours! And NO ONE went thru our WEC SBs without at least six months straight soaking period, and no limits put on that, and folks sometimes kept much longer till we staff had that inner witness that the trainees really had this inner KNOWING. NO REAL

EXPERIENCED ENTRY INTO Rom.8.1 & 2 without first the agonies, devastations and final cracking up of the independent self by a Rom.7 travail. Ruscoe in USA was adept at keeping recruits until there had been that spirit-evidence, even for two years, just as he had finally gone thru his own agony of Rom 7 into 8 with Rees Howells, which gave him a month's breakdown!! So you see my "travail", Jill dear, and how I wish someone chosen of God could put this NO.3 "HOLINESS" pillar square before our INTERCONN III.

You know, dear, how I have sought to underline this to our WEC these past years by my "digging" books such as LAW OF FAITH, GOD UNLIMITED, SPONTANEOUS YOU, DEEP THINGS, right up to the last in YES I AM and WHO AM I? But you also know that WEC has never even offered them to our public in our Mag, and never even offered them on those sales bookshelves in Bulstrode - I suppose an OBVIOUS way of saying WEC didn't really approve them, yet their whole purpose was to underline in WEC's own way our basis in Gal.2.20. Weccers really take it that they already have as in Gal.2.20, but I tell you, as plainly as Paul did by his Rom. 6-8, and I caught it in you, Jill dear, so thrillingly being on this same high road on that first visit of yours.

I have a last thing written and to be printed, and maybe sent to all Weccers (and many other) after I've "flitted", called INTERCESSION-IN-ACTION, to give the instances from my own life, five of them, of what Intercession-in-action, in Commission, Cost and Completion, really is in our "Royal priesthood" life which is the privilege of us all in WEC: and then once again finally running over what I boldly call our "total truth": which, as I say you thrillingly shared as coming real to you on our first visit.

Jill, might it be possible that this letter really personal to you and Patrick, could be enlarged into an appeal by you two and this letter, from the oldest living Weccer, to all of you; and that on that basis you could share this with Dieter, and others and maybe including Stewart; and my appeal is that the weeks of Interconn III are not primarily geared to the more objective concerns of churches, fields etc. (which really only took up part of Paul's epistles to Timothy & Titus, while all his others outpourings of letters were absorbed in the SUBJECTIVE condition of the churches - to the true condition of a gospel which I term as "Christ in us as us".

And that, as a consequence the primary emphasis of the Interconn should be at least a whole day given to honest evaluation on how we

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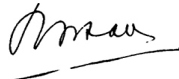
stand as WEC in relation to our FOUR PILLAR FOUNDATIONS. And in doing this, in actual fact, not much time need to be spent on three of those pillars - Sacrifice, Faith, Fellowship, because, thank God, they are fairly well in working order among us. How do you as 100 delegates stand in burning conviction in your own walk with God to you being the fixed expression of Christ as Walking Christ as per Rom. 6-8 and Gal.2.20?

Thus spend THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF YOUR THREE WEEKS on confronting - subjectively, not objectively, that PRIMARY REQUIREMENT of our fulfilling our commission of the gospel (in its totality) to EVERY CREATURE, AND THUS NOT JUST MERELY FIELD OR AREA OR TRIBAL SIZE OF OUTREACH, BUT EQUALLY PRIMARILY AND VITALLY the inner subjective condition (existentialism!) of ourselves and our "flocks" as under-shepherds, and as the supreme concern of our world ministry as it patently was with Paul and with our own founder CT Studd in his ENORMOUS EMPHASIS on HOLINESS AS THE PRODUCT FOR THE SPIRIT OF HOLINESS INDWELLING US, and in CT's terms, "JESUS CHRIST RUNNING ABOUT IN OUR BODIES"?

So I boldly put this to you, dear, turning this letter into something wider and as my kind of LOUD VOICE to you all from your "Methuselah"!

So this indeed with my much love and thankfulness that we are in this touch with each other.

Ever yours,


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Christmas 1988

Dear Gertrude,

What a faithful friend in the Lord you have been all these years, and never missing our yearly love-touch though never meeting. I have had the privilege of just you two from Switzerland - yourself and our loved Freda who has just joined the Glory-Family, as have so many others at our age! She too never missed our annual fellowship-touch. Much also like that very special one in WEC who was like a tight love-

bond between us, a living illustration, among us vigorous Weccers, of Eph.4:1-7 - and that is our Jock Purvus. Don't know if you knew him.

I am so glad to hear of the Lord blessing that SUMMIT book. My dear, I was as totally amazed at Stewart producing that book as you are - it is a wonderful masterly gathering-together of what I was so conscious of the Spirit "driving" me to write in each book, as something I MUST share before the Lord takes me, and now Stewart among all his own outpoured labours all these years, somehow had the same "Spirit-drive" to produce that!! And I find it has had precisely the same effect, as you say it has had on you, as so much clarifying in those short daily "sharings" what is harder to come clear in my usual English author's fault of too long sentences - which I first picked up from reading Macaulay! So thank you for telling me that, and I surely share your marvelling at the Spirit's gift by Stewart - and industry - in producing this - ENTIRELY unknown to me as total surprise. He too in his recent years as our WEC Internat. Sec brought WEC back to the freshness of pioneering faith which God so taught Pauline and me to put in operation in our 1931 crisis of our CTS going to the Lord and our material "nakedness", and that I really had 'picked up' from my close association with our loved Rees Howells, and of course I know the way the Lord used him and the College example of faith-in-action to your dear self.

So thank you, dear, for this refreshing word. My travel days are over and the "outer man" quite "perishing", but hopefully still the "renewed inner man" Paul referred to, from the neck upwards, and so my ministry is by typewriter. Yes, yes, you are right, it has all been in CTS and in each of us the product of "the obedience of faith" and I love thinking of ourselves, including you and Freda as "Calebs" who "wholly followed" and got his mountain! And you still with your WEC prayer group. How we shall compare notes when in glory together, and marvel at how much the Lord did in His own way by each of us.

So with my love and thanks, dear, and indeed I am not surprised that you are passing on our riches of the Spirit by much counselling. Give my love to the Prayer Group.



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Nancy dearest, and Wilf,

How good as usual to get this from you. I'm so glad we've kept our links all these years, encouraging each other on in still our privileged days of faith-warfare as again privileged God's commissioned ones.

You two dear ones, you are the constant inspiration of being among God's UNSTOPPABLES. How I hate where that word "retired" has been allowed to slip into WEC, instead of the right "Redirected". And that is what you are - such a wonderful example of the Spirit in John 7:38, 39 action. Return from India only meant a much more startling and unusual topline commission at Brampton, a "civilian doctor", being given a medical position at the heart of RAF and turning it into another beautiful "missionary commission", and in addition preserved in that call beyond normal RAF years and even overcoming "rebuke" for gospel zeal! And then when that finishes, who has ever heard of a Brit. Medical spending his final days as a door to door gospel "evangelist", and not an unemployed mechanic, but retired doctor, and those you call on surely note that! So I don't wonder, Nancy dear, that your letter is brimful of praise, as my letters are full of quoting David's Ps. 23.6! We are already enjoying "eternal life"!

I love to hear of your Easter visits, Wilf, to all those homes and always with some encouragement. I am like you, Nancy dear, lame with what they call here - I've gone and forgotten the name in my old age, but I call rheumatism on my war and football wounded left leg, but that football knee injury in my last year at Marlboro made me ready to receive Christ! So thank God for a Jacob's limp! So I'm like you, Nancy, and can't get around except by car, and spend all my time at the typewriter. Thank God with never ceasing mail and most letters needing an epistle to answer with good sharing and teaching. Then some of our folks come and pick me up and drive me to various weekends fixed by eager folk round the country. They turn me on to do the main teaching which I enjoy. I keep praising; all still ok north of my neck! I also have one more thing I call INTERCESSION-IN-ACTION, about small book size, telling of the main five "intercessions" in my life, and of course with the purpose of sharing those principles which you dear ones have so lived out, and my many Weccers, but explaining their Bible principles of "royal Priesthood", which I largely learned from my loved Rees Howells. I call it my "obiter dictum" and Sandie will send round with a letter

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from me to all Weccers and many others, when I've joined that "cloud of witnesses"! So on we go and it is just lovely to hear from you and the group who come, some hungry for Bible Study with their spirit-ears opened to recognise they are hearing what they'd never heard before!

Also you mention our Jean Buchan. Only this week I've received what she calls Part 1 of what she has now poured into typescript of her 50 years as a glorious crusader and with her one leg. Of course at the beginning she is starting with you and her Abbot-Mount days. But I have told her the problem will be to get a publisher these expensive days, and she not active in deputation work etc. I find a big fall off, almost total in this USA WEC, but I think also in Brit., of getting books out. All my early books had good sales thru Dep. work! So Jean's is most interesting to me, though long (only had Part 1) but I question for publishing unless WEC took it up vigorously, but present Pharaohs don't know Josephs!

Just now heard for great revivals in Armenia, and as you say, these open doors in Russia, and I like you comparing Gorbachov to Cyrus. Just right. What an overturn these fifty years in the exposing of death-in-Communistic atheism. We've been waiting in faith for years for Ps.2 to be in action, and it is!

So with my love and greatness of joy in having our ongoing ministry,




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EXCERPTS

It was the world vision which first drew me to baby WEC rather than other missions, and got me out from the Army to join CTS, but when I had come face to face with the Africans my whole weight passed over into getting Christ “formed” in myself as per Gal.2:20, and then our Africans. I “picked up” the straight gospel “advance to every country” in 1931 for those next 35 or so years, but ALWAYS ALWAYS I was eaten up by the BURNING DESIRE TO SEE THE NEW CONVERTS TO THEIR Gal.4:19 further depth-experience of “Christ formed, more than just born” in them; and this has continued as THE BURNING FLAME IN ME ever since, and is so desperately in me still...

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I have always thought that the highest honor God could confer upon any of His servants was martyrdom, but it seems in these modern days to be looked upon with horror. What officer would yield up a position to the enemy without putting up a strong fight for it? He would rather lay his life down than retreat. Praise God for the faithful ones who have remained at their posts. How Bwana (C.T.S.) would have revelled in the opportunity to be with the African Christians at a time like this. He would have encouraged and have put fight in their souls. We need more of the fire of the Holy Ghost, sacrificial living. We are getting soft and flabby. May God quicken us all again. I am amazed at so many who take a pessimistic view of the Congo situation instead of taking victory by faith. What are we all going to do when the Great Tribulation comes? When the Anti-Christ appears there won't be anywhere to escape, for it surely will come upon the world. We had better get into practice and be ready for hard knocks. What has gone wrong with us all, we have lost the fighting spirit. We are playing safe instead of flinging our lives away for Jesus. How can we preach on ‘not loving our lives unto the death’ when we do love our lives.

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On coming to USA... I would really like Ma Rubi to come with me. She has a firm clear insight down to the bottom of things, much firmer and clearer in discernment than I, and we must have no superficial patching

up this time. She is not averse to coming, and Priscilla would be willing to take the grandchildren, but Ma R. naturally does not feel that she could take such a step without a clear confirmation from the Lord, and that she has not had as yet. I think WEC and CLC should remember that Ma R. is the only remaining member of the first committee of WEC, and the only one among us who was in it from the beginning (helping Mrs. C.T. at this end). Also C.T. appointed her "co-president" with me before he went to be with the Lord. We have that in writing in an official letter somewhere, if we dug it out. Of course we both renounced the position in the new start of the work. If she came, therefore, she would not come as my wife, but as the senior "elder sister" in WEC, to help find God's mind. Pray for the Lord's mind about this. At present I would judge that she was more inclined not to come than to come, although I know she is really open to the Lord's will about it. I feel she might be a great strength to me and to us all.

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We battled through again on the Pente issue, because of Earl's strong emphasis on it and some eruptions of the use of the gifts at Headquarters. We came through again to union in the Person of Jesus, and submitting to one another in love. It is the only way through. We will never get through on a doctrinal level because we are not on that. We don't stand together on an I-It relationship, but on an I-Thou one.

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It was also given to me, with Fred Anthony, actually to open the U.S.A. work through the invitation of Mrs. Woods; and the "vision" of four H.Q.'s in four years was given me (in Charlotte I think) and I wrote it to Rusico, who at once also saw it to be of the Spirit.

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It seems to me that we keep covering the outer edge in our Leadership Conferences. We have papers on new methods. We have prepared "devotional talks." We are good at praying, thanking God for what He is, etc; but we never lay ourselves bare as to who we really are and know we are. When you asked in the Weccer for comments on "Dry Spells," not one

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gloried in the fact that we do not have dry spells. We permanently live in The River! You see we are not there but pretend we are! We DON'T HAVE DRY SPELLS in the Spirit-union. And if we do not know that ourselves, no questions are asked (which should be our chief concern) as to what we are really transmitting to our national brethren and what do they have? All else fades into insignificance. You see, our men of the Holy Spirit were controversial and made trouble. C.T. Studd, R. Howells, J.D. Drysdale - as did Jesus and Paul - and do we really get through on lots of smooth outer points of agreement, but not the nitty gritty; and partly because all will not agree? So what? WEC was built on something more than what is given in the "normal" Bible Schools and evangelical circles. Are we still for that? - which does mean such a possession by our Weccers of a Holy Spirit-saturated life that we just cannot stop at anything less than seeing that our nationals are seized by an equal Holy Spirit possession; and that does not mean it remains respectably tucked away at our conferences as something "of course" all know (but don't and hide!!), and therefore is nicely covered by good devotionals well prepared, good prayer spells, and then "on with the job" of settling these modern "problems" of church-planting, culture shock, etc. That was not what possessed those early men who were root men for WEC; but it meant total cleavage, first in early days at Swansea College, and then WEC in 1931, to maintain on some level the originals. How fiercely those early MTC students with Godfrey Buxton used to hammer out the real meaning of "holiness!!" Oh for such days again. So, can the Spirit break through quite apart from "set" devotional papers, what not?? Will I join you in faith that HE will?

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I want to remind you, and us all, of the danger of a human "Board". When CT Studd founded what is now called The WEC (but was then just HAM - Heart of Africa Mission), he wrote a characteristic letter home to Mrs. CT, "We will have only one Board permanently in session, Father, Son and Spirit, and occasionally visited by a forth, the Devil!" But at the home-end Mrs. CT did form a board (Pauline and I were on it). Fifteen years later that Board destroyed WEC (Mrs. CT had gone to the Lord), by dismissing CTS and Pauline and me - the three privileged!! That, by God's clever way, as usual, gave us the opportunity, when CTS was "glorified" in 1931, of reforming the broken bits of WEC (35 remaining in Congo and us too - P. and I at home) with no Board again, and the whole WEC functioning

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by the free right of every Weccer having his or her say, wherever the growing areas of WEC ministry came into being, and with a three-yearly International SEC. appointed by consensus and only called 'Secretary' and no such ominous name as "Director"

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There IS a recklessness for Jesus and in the Spirit, which doesn't care for what man or "churches" say, and welcomes all manifestations of the Spirit, yet giving plenty of variety - but it IS primary Spirit-filled emphasis as ours: as Paul, John, and surely Jesus' in the NT, beyond any "modern" "missionary approaches or methods".

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I deeply believe that we shall atrophy as a Crusade unless we constantly progress in examination and experimentation with all light God gives.

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We are "members one of another". I stand there. God's calling and commission is to each of us, and we need each other. We have got to come to a place where we all together feel we have the mind of Christ and the place and method of co-operation. God help us at this time. We are "wrecked" on Him. Human wisdom has failed. Now it is the chance for the "liberal wisdom" of God - and He will give it.

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I can only say that of course I am ready as ever to come over, or we as a family, if God calls. But at the same time God has renewed to me in these waiting days the fact that our real calling, yours as well as mine, is to be set apart as intercessors in the great mission fields the Holy Ghost in us sets us apart for this purpose, and to be poured out in holy determination to this end. In this there is "neither place nor time", therefore the actual material sphere in which it is His will bring to pass this intercession by us is a matter of indifference. Let it be here or U.S.A., or anywhere. As

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God knows my heart, I desire that, and I desire the elimination of any contrary motive.

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I believe still that God requires of us to be faithful to the truth as we see it in speaking the word of exhortation, and even rebuke....But I do not believe that God leads us to take action in the flesh, in any individual way, against His servants and our co-workers and brethren.

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I more and more feel that we present leaders are a passing generation - coming towards evening! And that the time has come for us to be watching for the Lord's fresh blood and choices. Maybe that is the way in USA - to be watching now for the Lord's own American choice for coming years, if the Lord does not quickly remove us from the scene. We older ones standing by to help the younger ones a bit into the saddle, and then get out of their way.

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This is as far as I have light at the present. It is not God's will that any of us be lost to this work or our calling. He can do without us, but don't let any of us miss our high calling.

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What we honestly believe we must propagate.

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The only loyalties we have are to Jesus. If we are truly loyal to Him, we are inevitably loyal to each other.

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My point of view is that, first of all, WEC is built on what you call "frightful extremes", only we have got used to them, though other people haven't, - thus our ostracism. Sacrifice, faith and holiness all came in with C.T. in their extreme form, and we are all at one in seeking to preserve them. Undoubtedly these lay at the real root of the UFM split.

But my view is that we must never cease being flexible and open to the Spirit in leading us on in fuller light and close identification with the undoubted "extremes" of the N.T. - to which we do not come as yet within miles.

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In what you say about subtle personal motive lying behind my leadership, so it is really more to draw things around myself than to further God's glory and the salvation of souls, it is a good warning. Sub-conscious motives can be so deceitful. I do not have the witness of the Spirit to what you say being a fact. I believe, in the presence of God, that I do genuinely seek His glory, and desire Him to keep putting to death any other motive. Anyhow, in the light of what you say, I put myself again now in His hands. He is well able to pluck a currant out of a pudding at a moment's notice, if it is a nuisance. May He do so the moment I am in His way. Even this operation on my hand has been a warning to me of how easily God can do without us.

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We have given ourselves plenty of time to be unhurried in waiting on God, hearing what He has to say to us, praising and pouring out our hearts before Him, and listening to His voice through His Word and through each other. Each day, of course, our first occupation will be with Him, our "Head, Commander and Guide" as He was first named by C.T. at the birth of the Crusade. I am suggesting that through our days together, each one of us present have an opportunity of sharing at the morning session whatever deepest thing God has been saying to us in our life's ministry. I hope we shall all have that freedom of the Spirit so that there is a constant sharing among us at all of our meetings, in our usual WEC way.

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I am adding to this letter because I keep inquiring (in my spirit!) about what form the Spirit will come through for this generation as He did ruthlessly, and we might add, typically crudely, in the last one with the DCD, which forced an issue between those who so totally “saw” the Spirit with C.T. Studd and those with him, out at any price, to go forward with our world commission on our Four Pillars standards, and those who do love and serve the Lord but prefer less “extremes” in faith, sacrifice, and holiness. And what occurs to me is that it centres today on the distance we will go publicly labelling ourselves as a Holy Spirit Crusade with that Acts 1:8 Spirit-baptism, by which we all know that we ARE SPIRIT-ENDUED, SPIRIT-BAPTISED, NO matter what particular phraseology we use. But we boldly declare that is the purpose of our calling – not, in other words, church-planting, but Holy Spirit planting, and the rest then follows.

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I wrote you yesterday on some points with a view to your coming Conf., but I thought today that I would add still further. I do feel the responsibility heavy on both you and us, when your human leader, with his wealth of wisdom and grace and therefore his natural coordinating influence, is taken away from you. God give you a melting out of fears and barriers, and a truly humble appreciation of Christ formed in each of you. I am sure that is the note struck by Paul in exhorting them to have “the mind of Christ” in Phil.2:5-8. It was Christ’s self-emptying, serving, humility and obedience which are stressed, and these are the eternal characteristics of the Godhead, for He was and is God the Son. May you have them towards each other, and then, as you “stand fast in this one spirit” of humility, appreciation of each other, and love, you will certainly have “the same mind” on your coordinating problems.

On this basis, I then urge your consideration of the right balance between consolidation and expansion, to which I referred in my last letter. There is a balance, and God will give it.

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I feel that we are honest investigators, and when we come to some new phase of truth, we do not flatly reject it, but seek to go through to a true Scriptural balance.

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God shows me ever more clearly that He is now calling us to a mature walk in the Spirit. Division is carnal, and Paul distinctly says that we are not to be ignorant of Satan's devices. Now I see it like this. We are allowing Satan to bluff us into seeing and thinking and talking walls of partition between us, but they are a lie! So many of you write about blockages and frustrations etc. We feel these, only because we let them into our own spirits! In God's sight we are all eternally one - all of us. That is what God would have us constantly "see", and then live and act as we see. Refuse to allow this blockage talk to be in our minds or on our lips. We are one in the Spirit, and that is where we really live together - in the Spirit. We fall from grace into carnality, when we even allow ourselves to regard it that we are divided - and thus in the flesh. Of course that does mean that our own hearts are kept constantly cleansed from bitter, suspicious or resentful thoughts. We must constantly see the Holy Ghost in those from whom we may widely differ in opinion on details. Let us keep things in proportion. Our differences are on details of organization. But we do not live there. We live as a dedicated world-wide Crusade. Let us stand there, all of us. That does not mean that we have not free minds and tongues, and have a right to express in fullness our own convictions on organization. If we think there should be changes of leadership, let us say so, and continue to say so until God shows us otherwise. But we don't live together on the level of divided opinions. We live together in the heart, in the Spirit, as one. We may say others don't see that and act on that basis. No matter, that's not our business. Jesus didn't wait for us to be reconciled to Him, He came down to us as the Reconciler, died at our hands, but broke us. I am sure God would have us walk on that high ground, and thus please Him. May you do so, and may I.

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To take such a stand does undoubtedly label us as far-outers and probably implied "Pentes." This would probably also make some division among us, and especially search us out on our church-support level, where I believe there is some lapse; for in C.T.'s day, of course, he all but said he didn't care a hoot about what church supported us, for we are on GOD-ONLY support.

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How I wish all our Weccers could read Chapter 3 of the Rees Howells life, which I wrote. I think it is the greatest presentation of the Holy Spirit taking His unrivalled possession of a body for Him to use that I know in print, without “theological terms.”

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A new day is dawning, and the sun will soon be fully shining among us. How love edifies!

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Don't be turned away from your calling by any man. God is not dependent on you or me or anyone. If you fail Him, He will find someone else. But don't fail Him.

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I am always so thankful the Lord ‘pushed’ you into this full ministry just when you were sort of coming up to that horrible “retirement” age (a word I constantly protest and shd be abandoned in WEC and replaced with “redirection”!) and here you are fullout and on the go.

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Our real aim must be to help people to learn a steady walk with God. When we are in the light we can't see P.&P's, as it were, because we are immersed in walking with Him. When we walk in darkness, then we feel the bite of P.&P's, because it is the law for the lawless; and our experience is that when folk are in that state, they will anyhow always find ways out of any written code. Life can only be in the Spirit not in the letter.

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We MUST remain on a limb in God, living in our “dangerous” faith-sacrifice-holiness calling, while blessing God for those more called to remain on the tree-trunk! WEC was born on the FOOL AND FANATIC level.



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## ORGANIZATIONS

These [letters] convey the flavor, faith and spirit of Bro. Grubb: always the encourager, always putting himself down while lifting you up, always forward looking and projecting his missionary faith and Apostle's vision – always recalling from his vast store of memory names, people, places, old WEC advances and recommending books to read – and all the way through speaking and transmitting 'union' with Christ.

Elliott Tepper Betel WEC

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You will remember me as the pastor who attended your services while you were in Houston. I enjoyed your ministry very much. It was because my heart has been searching after the deep things of God. I am aware that in our ranks we have majored on the outward to a very great extent but that is so shallow and empty when the test comes.

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Norman Grubb was a wonderful man who was used by the Lord to touch many, many lives.

Pat Robertson CBN

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Words cannot express the rich blessing that was ours through your visit with us. For weeks it has been most common for some of us to say, "As brother Grubb said..." Well, it was a nice change from saying so much, "Paul said"...

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I just wanted to say how much we are looking forward to seeing you very soon—we are so thankful to God for you, and that He is making it possible for you to come. We are anticipating great days together, and I feel like a child waiting for Christmas.

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Dear Mr. Poole-Connor,

I don't feel that I ought to let the publication of your pamphlet on Honor Oak take place without writing to regret that you have published it. I don't say that there are not fair and useful warnings in it, and that what you write could not have much value if communicated in a personal way to the Honor Oak brethren as pointing out possible dangerous tendencies in their teaching. I think it is helpful for all of us in our varied presentation of "the truth as it is in Jesus" to be warned against the possible over-emphases which any of us may slip into; and I believe in that way even the publication of this painful pamphlet will be used of God to our brethren. But at the same time I do feel that it is not glorifying to God that so much should be made of possible over-emphases with sometimes the worst construction put on their possible meanings, and so little said of the glory they give to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Word of truth, and the very manifest blessing which has resulted from their testimony.

My own contacts, past and present, with Honor Oak are so small as to be almost negligible. I have visited Honor Oak for one Sunday about twenty years ago, and recently I was over for one evening, about a year ago, to speak to the fellowship on my recent Far Eastern tour. I have also recently, for the first time, paid a visit to West Watch by invitation, to speak to the students. My real reason for not having closer contacts was the usual one - hearing rumours of their "superiority" and "exclusiveness", although there have always been one or another from our W.E.C. fellowship who have had profitable fellowship with them. But I had to learn that it is not pleasing to God that I hold myself aloof from His servants, even when I don't see eye to eye with them on certain points, for who of us do see wholly eye to eye with each other? But we need each other I find, to edify, and perhaps even to modify, one another in love. I learned my lesson of something of God's hand on Honor Oak on my recent world tour. I first heard from a senior and highly respected C.I.M. leader of how they, or certainly some of them, have changed their view on the work of Watchman Nee, and have

come to realise that in the recent fires of testing, God's work through him has been one of the soundest in China. Then I had close personal contact with Brother Bakht Singh of India, and was more struck by what I saw, and blessed by eight days of close personal fellowship with him, than by anything else on my tour. Here was a man of God's right hand indeed, and the seal of the Spirit in the spreading assemblies was evident enough. Not that Bro. B.S. is free from over strong convictions and emphases, any more than I, or any of us are; but I saw how we helped each other by frank fellowship - and what a man of the Word. This has been further tested out in the past two years by visits, ministry and close fellowship between him and some eight of our Indian missionaries, men of a keen understanding, and not open just to 'swallow' anything. Yet in every case they have been deeply stirred as they have ministered in the assemblies, some for many months. They are not without criticism of weaknesses, but they recognize the value and privilege of fellowship with such assemblies. Certainly Bro. B.S. goes farther than we would in separation and the formation of new assemblies on what he feels are New Testament methods, but it is exactly in this that we can help him, by most thankfully ministering to the assemblies with the Word of God, and yet at the same time standing square to the fellowship we also have with the Lord's people and the evangelical churches in all denominations.

Then, in my recent visit to Europe, the second time, I had wonderful fellowship with Brother Paul Madsen and the believers in Copenhagen, who have close touch with Honor Oak, although they too are free to criticize what they may feel is not of God in Honor Oak. More recently these weekly Bible Study fellowships of several hundred in Copenhagen, as well as in other towns, have at their own request begun to break bread on the Lord's Day, and thus become assemblies. But have I a right to say that they must remain in the State Church? Is gathering for worship in these ways any different in our generation from the gatherings out of Protestants from Rome, of Anabaptists and Baptists from the Lutherans, of The Brethren of more modern days, and of F.I.E.C.? I don't therefore, feel it right to condemn these brethren, or to attribute it to some emphasis on separation in Honor Oak, any more than I would condemn all the others of us who are "independents" of various kinds. I would rather thank God and fellowship with "come-outers" and "stay-inners" equally who love the Lord Jesus and preach His Word.

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It has been experiences like these, and other contacts I have made on a smaller scale in such countries as Germany and Sweden, which have brought me to see that, whatever we may think about it, God has sealed the Honor Oak testimony in the blessing and salvation of thousands, even through here at home some, as mentioned in the pamphlet, feel that Honor Oak has also brought some unnecessary divisions.

My plea, therefore, would be for more fairness, for more readiness first of all to appreciate and praise God for what he has done through Honor Oak and to put the best construction on their teachings rather than merely to point out what seem to be their most dangerous aspects. For instance, in Mr. Sparks "Stewardship of the Mystery", I have seldom in my life read anything which reveals more wonderfully the glory of the ascended Lord, especially in vol.1. It set me to worship and praise. I agree that it is possible to see dangers in some of the statements, and it is good to point these out. But I also feel that a number of them can be given a more charitable construction. You speak, brother, of his emphasis on the Church as the mouthpiece of Christ, as being almost equal to the position Rome gives "Mother Church". I feel sure that is wrong and false. I think Mr. Sparks in these volumes expends great care in maintaining the absolute Lordship of Christ Himself, and attributing the glory and power to Him, and not the Church. I think it would give the average reader a very unfair impression to imply that this basic error of Rome is also to be found in Honor Oak.

Then again you speak considerably of Mr. Sparks emphasis on personal revelation, likening it to the revelation of which Paul speaks in Galatians 1. I feel, too, that this is reading into what he says more than is justifiable. We all do need to "see" truth. Jesus said that only when we are born again we "see" the kingdom of God. I don't believe that Mr. Sparks means that any should claim a unique revelation of the type that Paul had, but merely that we each have to "see" for ourselves by the Spirit the truths of the written word.

I grant you that it is possible to read into Mr. Sparks' statement on the Body of Christ being neither denominational nor undenominational, etc. (and he says much the same later about present day missionary societies) that we are not in the highest place if we belong to such. Well, ideally speaking I see what he means, and that we should so recognize our membership in the one Body, that denominational loyalties don't count. I don't go so far as he does in this, and I certainly know that,

when it comes down to an actual fellowship level, our Honor Oak friends do not make this an issue; but even if they do, I ask myself this: Have not they a right to present the Body of Christ in its purity as they see it, and in whatever consequences that has in the formation of local churches? Have not they a right to worship in this way, if so led, and to advocate that others should do the same, although as a fact they do not definitely form churches or advocate the forming of them. But have they not the right to do so? Has not every movement of the Spirit drawn to itself, by the very strength of its convictions, hungry and dissatisfied members of other churches, who often may be born again, but seeking more than they have at present? I hope you won't think me impertinent if I say that I am sure many of the older denominations dub the F.I.E.C. churches as schismatics, when new ones are formed in their area, and we must surely admit that a proportion of their members may be dissatisfied Anglicans, Baptists, etc. My good and honoured friend, Stephen Olford, who signs the foreword, comes of soundest Brethren stock, and I don't believe that, even though now in a fine Baptist Church, he would repudiate his origins (and anyhow Baptists are dissenters indeed!). Yet the Christian church, the born again people anyhow, I am sure no longer warn each other against the Brethren as dangerous schismatics, yet they certainly have been called sheepstealers! The Baptists themselves, as Anabaptists in Luther's days, were roundly called by him as people of the devil. The holiness people, the Pentecostals, and so on are all "separatists" in their way, so I cannot see why Honor Oak should be particularly stigmatized for this, unless it is that they are sometimes guilty of going too far in drawing away spiritual people. But even then, they are not drawing them away from Christ, but to Him.

I won't say more, and of course I am not thinking that this makes any difference to the convictions of such an one as yourself, who is so much more mature in the things of the Spirit and the Scriptures, but I felt I ought to write this, and send a copy to one or two mentioned in the pamphlet to whom I had previously written, because I do honestly feel that, while your pamphlet may be a healthy warning against dangers, and cause a healthy heart searching into God's Word and ways, yet it does not give the Christian public by any means all the God honouring truth or God honouring perspective of what He is being pleased to do through Honor Oak worldwide.

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Sincerely yours in Christ, and appreciative indeed of all the ways the Lord has used you, not only in F.I.E.C., but in these happy times when you were chairman of our Fellowship of Interdenominational Missions.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Norman Percy Grubb". Below the signature are three wavy horizontal lines.

Box A  
Fort Washington, Pa.  
April 23, 1956

My dear Harry:

I am ever so glad to get your letter, and grateful that you have written in detail, and enclosed a copy of yours to Mr. P-C. I told him that, so far as I could remember, I had only sent a copy of my letter to him to Miss Macnair, but that I took it for granted she would share it with inner circle folks of H.O., but not beyond that. That of course is the case, as you bear out. I also told Mr. P-C. that I still regretted that he had printed the pamphlet. How much more is this so when I get your news of Mr. Sparks' experiences in the Far East, and what you write of Watchman Nee. Thank you for letting us know these facts. What will these brethren say when they meet their Lord, and when they have turned their swords against the Lord's people instead of against His enemies? Praise the Lord for the news of the way He has actually blessed this pamphlet to you all in letters and in gifts. I have a good many opportunities out here to speak the word of fellowship with you all at H.O., and I take all such opportunities. I too heard from Angus, and am very interested in what he is preparing to write. He said that he had some material ready concerning Watchman Nee, and then later, I hope, something on Bakht Singh. The only hope I expressed to him was that he could publish under a general publisher, so that such valuable books can get into many hands. If they are published under H.O., it would tend to limit their distribution to H.O. friends. That was the same policy we adopted over C.L.C. We deliberately decided that they should not connect their name in public with W.E.C. so as not to limit their activities to W.E.C. circles, and fight off the very many WEC critics (I should think there are nearly as many as H.O.'s).



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How thoroughly I agree with you about the folk you mention who may be exclusive and legalistic somewhat, but are on fire for the Lord. We stand right in with them. At the same time I do believe that extreme separatism is not the highest to the glory of God. I was most interested and thankful to see how Bro. Bakht Singh came right into public fellowship with Billy Graham. When I was there, B.S. would not even come to a Youth for Christ campaign, because Anglicans and others were in on it. But with Graham, he was leading in prayer, I hear, on the same platform as the Bishop of Mysore. Praise the Lord! I am sure there is a balance in this. I know of no Assembly on the foreign field like the B.S. Assemblies, yet I also have just had a deeply interesting letter from our leader in Pakistan who is having wonderful opportunities inside the utterly dead old churches, and having revival (and he has the gifts of the Spirit too- tongues and healing!). He is stoutly backed by the evangelical bishop, Wollmer. Now he says that other groups there kill their usefulness by their extreme exclusiveness. They just do not minister as they might to really hungry souls among the nominals. There is a balance here, and we must find it. I am sure God is on both sides, and we need to be the same!

My love in Christ to Brother Sparks, and you all.

Ever yours,



Box A  
Ft. Washington, Pa.  
May 14, 1956

Dear Mr. Sanders,

Thank you ever so much for your very full letter of May 1. I do appreciate you taking the time to write at such length, indeed I greatly appreciate our correspondence. I had a good time in a recent conference at Dr. Ockenga's, with Brother Griffin.

Thank you ever so much for your details on the door which is opening in Sumatra. It is such a help when we can share such details with each other. I sent them out to our folks in Indonesia, so that they may be alive to the openings God is giving you. I am most thankful

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to say that in our recent Indonesian Field Conference, our finest worker, who is a linguist, capable preacher, and very acceptable to the Indonesians, Heini Germann-Edey, has been set aside for a “free lance” ministry throughout the islands, especially with the hope of getting into the national churches with an evangelistic and revival ministry. God at once sealed this by a visit from the head of the East Java churches, who came a 100 mile journey to invite him to undertake an evangelistic ministry in their churches. That would be the first break-in on a large scale. We fully agree with you in policy in these matters. We recognize that there is a calling and ministry for some in starting separate New Testament churches, such as the Bakht Singh assemblies, and we heartily cooperate with them. At the same time, we recognize that God is also at work in the older churches, and we expect to see the outpouring of the Spirit upon them. So we feel that there is a ministry among them for special workers who do not go to make separations and start new assemblies, but simply to get nominal believers born again and filled with the Spirit, leaving them to continue in their existing churches. A team of our workers in Pakistan have a wonderful ministry in this way among Presbyterian, Lutheran and C.M.S. churches, and are strongly backed by Bishop Laurie Woolmer. We have also just made an arrangement with the Presbyterians in Korea for two of our men to join their “Christian Revival Fellowship” by the invitation of the Korean church, to help in Bible teaching and evangelism. I more and more feel that there is a ministry today for specially called fitted men from missions such as ours to be channels of revival to the older churches without disturbing their denominational set-up. I think Billy Graham has taught us a big lesson in this way. I had tea last week and a most interesting conversation with the well known modernist, Henry B. Van Dusen, the President of the Union Theological Seminary. I was amazed to find how open he is, standing right behind Graham, very interested to hear of the advance of such missions as ours, and openly confessing himself as a convert of Billy Sunday’s. We hope to meet again. John MacKay of Princeton, as you know, one of the leading World Council men, has asked a certain Pentecostal brother of a more moderate persuasion to speak for two weeks at Princeton Seminary. He says he wants his students to know the power of God through whatever channels, and he made this comment after seeing the advance of the work of God through the Pentecostals in Latin America, compared with the marking time in the Presbyterian churches: “I had rather have crude

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life than esthetic death"! I believe indeed the Spirit of God is moving church wide today, and we need to be flexible enough and sensitive enough to go with Him, even if we get a smear or two in so doing!

Needless to say I thank God to hear of your good work for Brother Bakht Singh. I think there is every hope that the fellowshipping of such as us with him, would help to integrate him in the whole church of Christ, even as we ourselves receive so much in the Spirit from him.

Thank you for your faithful comments re Honor Oak. Of course I know that it is what these others say, and I agree that Poole-Connor's pamphlet was gracious and reasonable. I wrote and told him so, even though I told him I didn't agree with him! There is no doubt that proper weight must be given to definite facts will reach out the hands of positive fellowship to the Honor Oak brethren, not leaving them to get more extreme on their own limb. They do love the Lord, and I know that they are truly anxious for such fellowship in Christ, and it is when we are within reach of them by fellowship that the moderating word can be given and accepted.



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February 10, 1960

My dear Howard:

How awfully kind of you to spare time to write. I don't know how you manage it in your hectic life. It was rather a shock to me to hear that you were going to England for an op., but so glad that you say it is successful.

With what fragrance and joy I look back to that lovely time with you all, especially sharing your own home, that lovely quiet room you gave me, and the fellowship and meals with you both, and the many runs to and fro in the car. We were just one family. Praise the Lord for this wonderful fellowship.

Of course your news of the England visit was of deepest interest, and soon after yours came a red-hot letter from Leslie. I have a great love for Leslie. We were bound in heart together from our Cambridge days, and it was really to him and me God gave the vision of the I.V.F. and first talked it out in his room in Queen's, and also for years our

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hearts have been knit, and I have been thrilled at the way the Lord has picked him up and really made him the actual man who has built up Lee Abbey. And now to think that you dropped in on him like that just after we were saying he would be the man for the Bermuda L.A.!

So we may just also be able to see you at Washington. I have just spent an exhilarating two weeks buried away on the top floor of a friend's home, where I was left entirely alone, to dig at Abram's life. It was an inspiration. I had no idea of the dealings of God with him and his growth in the Spirit and the spread of the work until I studied it. It is only a short book, but I think has a message. It has gone to the critics now down at Fellowship House!

Well, Bermuda is part of my heart and life with you all these days, and certainly hoping to see some of you both at Washington and Pocono. Very much love and to Rena.

Ever yours,



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February 25, 1960

My dear Wilbur:

You have caught me hopping this time! Nothing could be farther from my mind or heart than that there is any barrier between us. I fear it is like this. I have counted it a great honor that you, in your busy life and with your worldwide connections, should have reached out to make a friend of me, as you have. Therefore, I have always taken the line that I did not want to press myself on you or occupy your time more than was seemly. I see now, with much joy, that this has been foolish of me—and that it is a mutual affection and friendship. So I say, Thank you for writing!

No indeed, Brother, I am honoured and delight in the fellowship with you. I feel ashamed now that I did not attempt to get touch with you on my last visit. The reason was the above. I did not wish to make you feel that I was imposing myself on you. So I will make sure to get contact next time, only this time you must allow it to be that I am the host and you are the guest! You so often have so kindly taken me out to those delightful fellowship lunches together, but you must let me do it

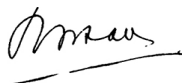
this time! So I answer your letter lovingly and joyfully, and will at any time count it a privilege when we can get contact.

I have just been working on a short life of my beloved friend, Abram Vereide, Founder of the International Christian Leadership. He has grown and developed enormously in spiritual stature these years. It will be just a short book. I have just returned from this year's Presidential Breakfast and Annual Conference. It hit the ceiling. The testimonies in the presence of the President were really wonderful. Bill Jones from L.A., the host of the Breakfast, and John Caudle, a well saved M.P. from England, and Harold Ockenga leading in prayer and a Metropolitan singer, Hines, who would not sing until he had first given his word of testimony, were just magnificent. The President turned around so as to face the speakers and just drank in everything. Indeed, he was due to go to Security Council, but he whispered to Frank Carlson that he would not leave this, and stayed an extra twenty minutes with tears in his eyes at one time. The message came back through General Byers at the White House later that he had been greatly inspired by this Prayer Breakfast on the eve of his important Latin American visit.

The other meetings were of the same type. Christ was magnified and the Gospel clearly preached. This Movement is advancing in the power of the Spirit and reaching all kinds of unusual people. Judge Boyd Leedom, for instance, the Chairman of the Labour Relations Board, was really gloriously saved through I.C.L. about two years ago, and both his face and testimony show what he is today. There are many evidences of the working of the Spirit in many places. I have been working in some of the homes of the 'Up and Outs' in Long Island. Eleanor Whitney, Betty Iglehart, whose husband was one of the U.S.A. Polo Team and a friend of the Duke of Edinburgh, and others. Magnificent homes and estates, with everything that this world can give, yet there is a whole group of women there now who gather to study God's Word and are hungry for Christ, and some of them really found Him. They are now keen for me to come and hold some informal meetings and get hold of their men folk.

Well, certainly hoping to see you when next West, and if you come this way, please be sure to let me know.

Ever yours in Christ,



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June 16, 1960

My dear Roy [Hession]:

Thank you ever so much for your lovely letter. Yes, it was a precious time with William [Nagenda of the Rwandan Revival] and we were all here bound in heart with him. I have so much to learn through you all, and what God has said to me these past ten years or so through contacts with you brethren is beyond price and is as living as ever. God has yet to take me much farther on the way of brokenness that He is taking so many of you. But you have touched on a precious point in fellowship. Maybe we still differ on it to some extent, but the way God seems to look out through our eyes is seeing Him in a thousand different human guises, emphases, and convictions, messages and activities, etc. I see Him only in them all. I believe He deliberately causes each of us to see as we see, and minister as we minister. I believe variety is the genius of the Spirit in things spiritual as so obviously it is in things natural. That one point has held me up in a completely free flow with you brethren. I have felt that if we were given of God, so far as we understand Him, some way of presenting Christ, or some aspect of truth (Romans 6-8, for instance) which was not just the way God has given it to you brethren, then the most we could expect would be that you would tolerate us although you would wish we were different! Whereas I believe God means us to be different, and it is actually His difference of outlook in and through each of us, then we can therefore heartily and fully rejoice in the variety of ministering. I found that much more closely this time in William's ministry which had the fragrance of Christ to us all, and then in the beautiful way in which he spoke a word to me about the Rees Howells book. It is in that openness and brokenness, that God is more glorified in you than in me. I could just as well have spoken to him, but I didn't. He took the costly step of opening the subject. So you are a precious means of blessing to me and to us in W.E.C. In many ways we should not be where we are today, but for our living contacts, and they remain as living as ever, with you all. So I thank you indeed for writing.

Yes, I do not forget the privilege we had in urging you first to come over here and helping to open a door. I often make my boast in that fact, on the Scriptural basis that Paul boasted in the churches!!

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Maybe we shall see you when you come over. If you could spare a night or a meeting, you know you will be welcome, and it will keep the living bond.

My love to you and Revel,

As ever in Christ,



June 28, 1960

My dear Irv,

I shall need to get some fellowship with you on an awkward spot that has risen, and yet I don't want to make it more awkward than I have to.

You know I am basically a "fundamentalist" (as I believe you are, and Bruce, etc.), and I've never moved an inch since my student days from accepting the Bible as the Word of God, even though I admit points I cannot explain, and that one cannot always say which is symbol and which reality. Because I so profoundly believe that a Christian faith which is not finally anchored on the authority of the written word gradually slips off into error and heresy. I was lead in my college days to found the movement which is now known world-wide as I.V.F. (I.V.C.F. over here), although it had to mean an open separation from the Student Christian Movement, and has remained so ever since. For the same reasons, and with the same convictions, I whole heartedly spent my whole life in WEC activities.

However, that has not meant that I believe that the correct proclamation of the Gospel is to wave the Bible in peoples faces, and demand that they believe every word of it. I believe in the Christ of the Bible as the true Gospel, and in presenting Him alone as Way Truth and Life; and I delight in fellowship with all who have Him as their centre, without necessarily asking and demanding that they cross every T as I do concerning the Scriptures. It is for that reason that I have loved, and do love FAW with all my heart, and propagate it everywhere.

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But I do recognize the risk that someone in the ranks of the movement which does not demand an orthodox doctrinal stand, may come out with something which really cuts across the plain teachings of the scriptures and then the fat is in the fire! I had an example of that in my first CFO camp last year, when I had to speak out in protest against a forthright address on Universalism - and I received no further CFO invitations since!

Now all this leads up to an alarm signal when one of our workers this week brought me the July issue of Eternity, and in it a long review by Barnhouse of Sam's latest book on the Holy Spirit. (I'll be glad if you can get hold of a copy and read it for yourself). B. on the whole is very positive and approving of a lot of the book, but he does show plainly serious proofs of Sam's wanderings from Scriptural foundations particularly where he comes right out with the inspiration of the Spirit coming through Hindu, Moslem "prophets", etc., as much as through Christ and the Bible. Now you know that no Evangelical missionary could ever accept that. It is the heresy of heresies to us! It was pointed out to my co-worker by her Presbyterian minister's wife, who with her husband is very bitten by FAW and loves the mag. She was shocked to see this review - and that Norman Grubb could be linked with the author of a book like that!! There was also a remark in the book on Evangelicals "consigning millions to hell" which has the same unscriptural flavor about it.

Now I love Sam, and have the deepest respect for him as one who has been used far far beyond me in winning men to Christ; and I know that his emphasis is the Holy Spirit and experience, and not theology and the Bible. But you see it is difficult when statements which run clean counter to the Bible are put in print by one of the FAW leaders, and the book pushed by FAW.

(I have learned, by having my fingers burned, to be much more careful what I print in a book than what I say on the platform!)

So what are we to do? It would be the utmost tragedy if a rift came in FAW between "conservatives" and "liberals". How much we need each other. FAW manifests Christ in wonderful love and fellowship; we conservatives need you, and at the same time may make our contribution in faithfulness to foundations. We need each other! But the position does become difficult when something like this happens.

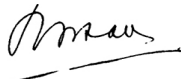
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We are already under some fire for "reaching out" beyond normal conservative circles, and I've rejoiced with all my heart to be welcomed at all by such as FAW and ICL, and I've taken no notice of questionings (which have not been serious incidentally) mainly because the FAW mag has such a glorious positive ring about it); but such a thing as this by Barnhouse in print could make the situation more serious. Of course I get out of it at present by saying that Sam (just as myself) is not a member of FAW Staff, and therefore FAW are not responsible.

Well, Irv, you know how I love you and all, and how totally one I am with you, so I just thought I'd write you this personally, and may be follow it later by some personal fellowship with you about it. Please don't think that I'm making some public fuss about this, or taking it further, but I thought I ought to open my heart and mind to you on it.

God will show the right way.

Ever yours,


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August 26, 1960

My dear Irv,

Ever so many thanks for troubling to write such a long letter in your own hand. Some way of spending a vacation!

I've not written Sam, and I've not answered you because I just let the thing lie. I don't feel called to enter into doctrinal controversy. FAW is not built on a doctrinal statement as WEC is, and I've known that, of course, ever since I've had the privilege of co-working with you. I'm just convinced that the Holy Spirit is bigger than our dogmas, and that Christ lives in many who would not cross every doctrinal T that I cross, and lives in many of them more fully than he does in me. Therefore, I have to walk on two feet as it were: One is co-working with those who safeguard their faith by limiting it to the Scriptures as God's revealed Word; the other is co-working with those of a like living faith basically, but who do not necessarily declare in words that the Scriptures are their sole authority.

Therefore I think my job is just to keep walking without letting one foot trip over the other. It only gets more awkward when one foot

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seems to be openly proceeding in an opposite direction to the other! But in this case what the Lord is in Sam and what he does through him so vastly outweighs the point of divergence that I don't think it would be profitable to carry it any farther. Sam's strength is getting people into a direct experience of Christ; the theological or even Biblical basis to that experience is not his strong suit. But isn't his the greater ministry of the two?

So I feel like leaving it alone, having just turned on the red light for a moment. Let's turn it to green again. I am willing to talk it over with Sam if God really led; but I don't feel like that at present, and anyhow I had only read Barnhouse's review, and not the book itself, and I shall certainly need to do that before I approach Sam!

No, I rather look at it as my great privilege to be allowed to be in fellowship with Sam and you all, despite my sharp corners. I shall greatly look forward to another wonderful time on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Just one more point. Could someone in the office let me know the dates of the Winter Pocono? I'm filling up my winter program, and don't want to get tied up for those dates.

Thank you again for so patiently and lovingly writing me.

Ever yours,



Sept. 8, 1960

My dear Samuel:

You truly shame me. I have by me another letter from you which I am preparing to answer, and now comes the second one of Aug. 6- and you write despite all you have on you just after your Conference. Shame on me! But my love to you and praise for what God did for us through your Father [Rees Howells] at the time of our 1931 crisis, and how we learned guidance and faith through him. Next to C.T. no one has meant so much to us in our modern WEC history. And now I shall hope to be seeing you next year, but I very much fear I cannot make the dates of the Conference, as you so kindly invite me to do. I am arriving over, D.V., in mid-April, but must catch a July 26 boat back to U.S.A. I can't stay longer, and that just misses the conference. But of course I am keeping

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open dates to spend two or three days with you. That will be early July. John Lewis will send the exact proposed time. It will be just wonderful to have some of those quiet walks and talks with you again, and meet all the dear ones.

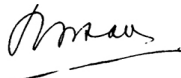
So glad you have had another wonderful conference. Opportunities remain endless here, and the hunger is for the deeper message on the Holy Ghost. I have just been for a week in each of two camp Conferences of the type they have here. We had about 1,000 at each on Sunday morning. And good opportunities for teaching through the week. Hungry hearts coming through to release in Christ everywhere. This is the harvest time in this country. There seems such a sincere openness to respond to Christ.

I am most thankful also that I am now being relieved of my leadership responsibilities for North America. I always knew this was not my calling, and that God would find a way through. A committee of five of our finest men are now taking over. This frees me for my General Secretary's work, and for meetings, etc.

I am just off now for seven weeks tour on the West Coast from Vancouver down to Los Angeles - with John Whittle. I have just finished the manuscript of my friend, Abram Vereide and the International Christian Leadership. It has a testimony.

My warmest love to you as to your Mother. I already anticipate our being together again,

Ever yours,

  
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December 5, 1960

My dear Abram:

Today is the day for the Revell decision. God has led to the preparing of the book, so He has His publisher, and I hope it will be Revell.

But I am writing this line because I am off for a week to Toronto for meetings, and wanted to fix about the I.C.L. Annual. I was up with Irv and Co. last week, and I was wondering if I can divide my time by being with you for Wednesday through Friday, February 8th to 10th and then

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going up to N.Y.C. for Saturday and Sunday 11th and 12th. It will mean being absent from F.A.W. for their preliminary meetings on the 10th but being with them for their main Conference meetings 11th and 12th.

If you agree to this, it will be a great privilege to be with you for the three days, and I do thank you for asking me. You mentioned about some talks, with open discussion on faith. I don't know if you meant those for the early mornings, or when. You ask me also for possible titles but I am always hopeless at titles- and in keeping to them.

You suggested as a general heading: "Modern Man and a Faith for This Hour." Possible subtitle: "How Acquire Faith?": "Faith and Reason": "Faith and Presumption": "Faith and Prayer": "Faith and Doubt". Those are merely all suggestions for a selection - and not too good at that! I take it that it would be a daily session on those first three days.

I wonder if it is true that we heard that Kennedy had asked Billy Graham to spend a day with him. If so, I suppose it would still be suitable to have him for the Breakfast. I wonder what reply you got from C. S. Lewis. I still feel the problem is that a religious author would be largely unknown to many politicians, especially when English.

My love to you. I was delighted with Willowbank, and "Christian Life" have now asked me to do a two thousand work article for them on it, with pictures. Howard heartily backs this. That will reach 80,000 readers. Then they also want an article on you and the book, when we get the publisher settled.

Ever yours,



May 6, 1967

My dear Oliver,

Many thanks for yours with the form on the Doctrinal Basis, which I herewith return.

It is thrilling to see how the Lord has expanded and established I.V.F. both all through the colleges of Britain, and world wide. A constant cause for praise that God called you to follow Douglas.

Campus Crusade makes a tremendous impact over here. I was asked this summer to go to their vast San Bernardino Headquarters to speak

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to their Staff Conference on the deepening of the spiritual life but I fear I cannot manage it this year. However, there are "differences of administration but the same Spirit," and there's no doubt to my mind and to that of many others, that the Campus Crusade with its almost ruthless "break in" methods, are one means by which God can reach the modern student, but it can by no means take the place of the solid internal build up of the witness to Christ in the universities, students to students, and in the vital ministry of helping students to be built up in the Lord, which is the ministry of the I.V.F. So thank God for both, but as for me, thank God most of all for His I.V.F. instrument.

So shall hope to be over next summer, and to call in to see you.

Ever yours,



October 26, 1967

My dear Brother Bakht Singh,

I have just heard from Brother Jordan Kahn, and he tells me of the deliverance you and others had recently in a car accident. I am so thankful that the Lord is still leaving you as His Spirit sealed witness in India. I constantly praise God for all He is doing by you, and am so thankful that He has preserved the living fellowship all these years between us, with our W.E.C. brothers and sisters to whom you give such an open door of ministry in the churches. It is the greatest privilege God has given us in India.

It may be that God is calling His Indian people in India to be His witnesses apart from us from other lands, if the Government continues this policy of excluding missionaries. Well, if so God is going to be glorified through His redeemed people in India more than ever before, and maybe there will be a real declaration between the nominal and the redeemed people. But we shall certainly count it a continuing privilege if we are permitted to continue our ministry with you.

The Lord will be blessing you as usual in your coming holy convocation. I never forget our eight days with you and often tell of what I then saw of God's working among you.

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I continue with many open doors here.

Affectionately yours in Christ,


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July 17, 1967

My dear Brother Jordan:

Many thanks for yours of May 31. So you have moved to a new centre at Jabalpur but it looks as if the Lord has definitely led you when there is the largest Christian community there. God will be doing a mighty work in hearts through you, as He has in so many places.

It is good to hear of the assemblies springing up. We always get the idea that God has done His great work in India in the south but it does look as if He is now working in the north. Of course, we hear rumours that the Government may exclude foreign missionaries in the near future and is already making visas more difficult. But if that does happen, then we shall know that is because God intends to give you Indian brethren a double portion of His Spirit, and do a yet mightier work through Indians to Indians; and more than that, strengthen you with might to become a great missionary sending agency to many countries where a westerner or white skin is suspect. I'm sure this is the time and way in which God is now going to use the Eastern nations and Africans for world wide evangelization as well as in the building up of the strong national churches. We are thankful for some who are becoming part of our W.E.C. so that we may cease to be a western society but a world mission to the world. Some Japanese brethren have gone to Indonesia and some Koreans to Taiwan, and we hope to see this greatly multiplied.

You have been through terrible times in physical suffering also, but I'm glad there is some increasing sense of the oneness of the earthly family, and the responsibility of the haves to give to the have-nots.

Warmest greetings.

Yours in Christ,

  
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January 6, 1968

Dear Brother Jordan,

Thank you very much for your last letter. It was both interesting and helpful to get these details of the Holy Convocation. Brother Bakht Singh kindly wrote me a line, and I heard from others, but not with the details you gave me. I was glad to hear who were the speakers, only I broke the 10th Commandment and wished I could have been among you.

I was telling Brother Bakht Singh how I praise the Lord that we have had this brotherly relationship with him and all the churches, and with you, all these years which has made possible the opening of the door for ministry by the W.E.C. workers among the churches.

It may be that it is to become more and more difficult for us westerners to be allowed to share the gospel ministry with you in India. If so, how much we thank God for this mighty work of the Spirit of which you have such a part, and it's going to be more and more your privilege to be His witness in India.

Warmest greetings.

Your brother in Christ,



February 2, 1968

Dear Dick:

Just a line to thank you all ever so much for giving me the privilege of being with you again this week. It was a tremendous experience to be at the Breakfast and I have never known prayer so much concentrated on the President himself, and reaffirming the foundations of our national life as being in dependence on God. It was a great meeting and deeply impressive.

I also thoroughly like our Wednesday morning conference at Fellowship House. I think this is a great idea to get together so many of the leaders of the various evangelical agencies, so that we can each catch inspiration and challenge from each other. It was a great blessing to me and thank you for letting me be in on it.

I did not know how these "prayer and discussion" hours would go- 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. and 10:00 P.M. to 12:00. I rather thought that people

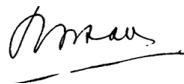
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would be so fully occupied in other directions that I quite thought I would find myself in the room by myself! But it was not so, we were crowded out each time, with the men having to sit mostly on the floor, and at the night session a number couldn't get in. I think they were thoroughly worthwhile with free and non-stop discussion among us. If you think it worth having them again another year, I think a room that could hold around 30 to 40 would be good.

I am sorry that I could not stay right through Thursday. I had planned to, but being asked to come early for the Sunday meeting at Fellowship House, and then the groups on Monday and Tuesday, meant that I had to cut one day at the other end as I had been on two or three weeks and in another week am off for six weeks on the west coast.

Warmest greetings and thank God for the expanding witness.

Ever yours,



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My dear Chris:

So glad to hear from you, and my love indeed both to Joyce and yourself.

Of course, I've been following with great interest and faith, both the developments of the years since the Lord took our beloved Stanley, and more recently since, the Lord has called Doug on to give himself more fully to what is going to become a nationwide working of the Spirit through Faith at Work, and thus you other ones being left to be God's agents in Stonebow - the start of a new era, like a third generation! I hear news, and encouraging news of how the Lord is working, as I hear from our-beloved Margaret. And now comes this letter from you, and it seems obvious that this fresh touch of the Spirit on yourself is God's anointing of you and recommissioning of you to be in Stonebow what Doug has been these past few years. Praise the Lord. He is never short of finding His freshly anointed, "royal priests" as the need arises; and I'm so glad you told me of His special meeting with you in this way.

Yes, I think it would be good to have some record of the birth and growth of Stonebow. Now I can't tell you in accurate detail of the exact



start, except that Stanley was not free in spirit to carry on some youth work he had in connection with some Church of England in York, headed up by a Canon somebody. Presumably Mrs. O. or Margaret could fill those gaps.

I only came on the scene when the youth work had started in that first building. Our John Whittle had passed through York and called on Stanley. I don't think Stanley was particularly impressed until of a sudden John mentioned that he was representing the work founded by C.T. Studd. By some means Stanley already knew of C.T., and with his love of cricket and love for Christ, was an enthusiast about him. So when he heard of John's link with the C.T. work, he opened the door for us Weccers to come and link with him and you young people. That brought me up to York, and immediately I forged those deep heart links with Stanley, and always enjoyed the great kindness and hospitality of Mrs. O. At the same time I began to have close links in the Spirit with Jim Fields and his wife whom I had known in Calgary, Alberta. Then somewhere around that time, Jack Purves forged an equally deep link of the Spirit with Stanley and Jim. Our visits among you were continual, and we really formed, I suppose, an inner team with Stanley in standing behind him in the development of the work.

Really, Stanley stands alone, of course, as God's pioneer in the birth and growth of it. It was wonderful how steadfastly he stuck to his specialized calling for a specialized youth work. Although the Sunday evening meetings were open to adults, he would never be diverted from a total concentration in seeking to win you young people to Christ, and then to build you up in the Word and the Spirit. He gave his heart and life to you. He was God intercessor who paid the price and travailed in birth that Christ should be formed in you. We others were just helpers along with him. Maybe his outpoured life for God's calling to him for you all on the top of his business commitments, was the cause of his actually going to the Lord at a younger age than would have seemed normal. Concerning Stonebow, we can say of Stanley Oglesby when Paul said to the Corinthians in I Corinthians 4:15: "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel."

Stanley became so wholeheartedly at one with us in our W.E.C. calling and principles of working that, as you know, he really formed the Young Peoples Mission into specifically a W.E.C. Mission, with our badge on the wall outside. That was a privilege for us, and many

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Weccers visited you at various times. But it is right that in due course you did not remain attached to one missionary society, but ready to cooperate with all.

Before the Lord took Stanley we often talked of the need to face the future with men in view, who had been boys and girls in the Mission, now growing into manhood and womanhood, and some of you marrying. We had, therefore, to consider whether something equivalent to a functioning church should not be formed. Stanley was willing for this, and, indeed, it did come into being while he was still with you, but his own real heart was always with the young people. Therefore, I think I am right in saying that only after the Lord took him, were you really ready to become an established local church, as you are today.

At that juncture, I thank God that Mrs. Oglesby and the family were willing to legalize the property so that it was given over to the Church for the Lord's work. This gave you your legal material foundation. The Lord will bless the family for this. And, of course I particularly thank God that Margaret's heart was so captured by Christ and his life that she has fully identified herself with you all and thus Stanley's daughter remains a part of you. Thank God also that her husband, George, with his architectural experience, was able to design and oversee the enlargements and the visions of the house into the present church building.

Finally, thank God that some of you, who started as boys and girls with him, had become so rooted and grounded in Christ, that you could take on the work and build it into the living church fellowship which it is now. Strong foundations had been built in you, so that you had not to go outside your ranks to find some "paid pastor" or some brethren from outside to take a lead. You yourselves were able take on the leadership in the Spirit. You have had our beloved Jim as an elder brother among you, and God has peculiarly anointed Doug through these years, along with those of you with him, to build yourselves into a living church. Now the time has come, as I say, for God to call Doug on from leadership among you to other activities; but the important fact is that again you are together a building of God, and, therefore, when he has ceased to be your leader, God has you and those with you through whom He not only can continue to work, but work in yet greater ways, because there are always greater things ahead with God.

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Please give my love to all the Fellowship for I have been part of you in spirit all these years - I suppose twenty-five by now. If I come over next year as I hope, then I shall hope once again to be with you. I shall always be glad to hear news of you and from you.

Ever yours in Christ,

  
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February 28, 1968

My dear Bruce:

How I have rejoiced in our Phoenix Conference. It rang all the bells and was all that I believe God means F.A.W. to be in bringing re-birth and renewal in Christ to all who were there. I was thrilled as ever, and for myself also thrilled with the love you and Ralph and Lloyd had for me! I rejoiced more than I have ever done before that God has put you men together in the F.A.W. ministry. To me Phoenix was authentic F.A.W. and it was capped by your own magnificent, balanced Christ-centred talk at the Sunday morning service. I just rejoiced with all my heart.

But what can I do but write again when on Monday morning, just before I left, my hostess showed me the new issue of the magazine which had just arrived - I suppose the March issue with the picture of the doctor in Vietnam as the cover? I can only go on protesting until you on the Board get tired of me.

This is the second issue where the cover picture and wording have deliberately directed our special attention to a type of service, whether by Christians or non-Christians, which may be a by-product of Christian service for some of us but just is not the main purpose for which F.A.W. exists. I refer of course, to the article in the former issue in which we are challenged on the cover to get involved like the man who makes a new type of roof for African houses, and now in this issue to the medical ministry of the Vietnam doctor. But in neither case is there any direct reference to the sole mainline objective of F.A.W. of bringing people to a living relationship to Christ.

I have been a missionary and I know the desperate frustration and heart-disappointment of those who pour out their lives to better the human conditions of people whether by medical or educational means, but without bringing them to the Christ-charged life. So I simply must

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protest, and keep protesting, when the main drive of F.A.W. is portrayed on the cover by picture and exhortation as being just plain social amelioration. It is not what F.A.W. stands for. Am I not right in this?

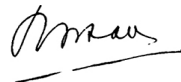
There could be no objection to the insertion of a story such as these two in the mag; among many other stories, as an illustration of how the love of God can find expression through us; but is that not quite another matter when the cover page twice over deliberately directs our attention to these two articles, neither of which have any direct reference to the fundamental reason for the existence and activities of F.A.W. So I have to say that I find a gulf fixed between the true authentically balanced living ministry of your loved self and those of us with you in such a Conference as Phoenix, and the apparent determination of our editorial staff to present us with quite a different main F.A.W. objective. Nor do I believe it is truly in the center of your own heart and purpose, Bruce- I believe that to be the beautiful "wholeness" you presented, with the four-relationship emphasis (which I love), in your Sunday morning talk. That, to my mind, is the Holy Spirit speaking through F.A.W.

Don't bother to answer this. You are far too busy, and I have that depth of love and understanding, thank God, with you all, which does not require an answer, but is just an expression of personal conviction.

I am sending copies of this, as before, to Irv, John, Ralph, Lloyd, Wally, Howard.

My love to you.

Ever yours,



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April 19, 1968

My dear Ted:

This very beautiful 25th Anniversary brochure [of Bethany Bible College] reached me yesterday. I am delighted with it, and, of course, I am delighted that those who prepared it very graciously included a picture of our two smiling selves together. I think the smiles are a symbol of the joy of the Lord we have, as we look back over these years. It is truly tremendous. God has enabled you to build steadily, without any big external rifts, although you will surely have had many internal heart and mind stretchings we all have in the Lord's work. I think

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the Lord has given you a marvellous organizing gift, besides, the all important maintenance of the living life in the Spirit.

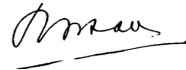
I am so thankful too for the closeness of cooperation we have maintained between us and which still continues. You have really been our living link here with the type of candidates' training for which C.T.Studd always stood, and we carried on in Britain with our close links with Emmanuel and the Bible College of Wales, and now our own M.T.C.'s - taking the trainees that further step in the Spirit beyond the normal fundamental and evangelical teaching the other Bible schools give them; I was glad that you mentioned our special links with you as a W.E.C. in the sending out of the trainees through the various missionary agencies. Then I think it is wonderful how the Lord has led you to take responsibility for the financial up-keep of those who have gone out from the Church, so many with us. What that has meant to us in the way of God's faithful provision.

I don't seem to have gone your way lately. John Whittle and I were thinking of preparing a tour around your area which could include a visit to you; but now that Len Moules has fixed the dates for our W.E.C. Leaders Conference at Bulstrode for May 17 to June 21 next year, and that means spending that summer in England, I'm not sure when we can find time for this proposed tour. I hope you'll be dropping in one of these days to this tremendous new London Hq. People are crowding to it, and it's going to be the center of a new stream of blessing. Len is surely God's man, and I'm so thankful God called such a man to take my place.

I'm in touch with your Fred and Elsie Johnson in Nassau and they say if I will come out, they will arrange a tour for me. Don't know when I can arrange it, but will be invading your Nassau preserves one of these days.

Love to Lucy and to yourself,

Ever thankfully and affectionately,



P.S. I have an invitation from my friend, Rev. Roy Lindquist (and his fine wife Jean) to go for several days to his Covenant Church in St. Paul. I was in his church several times in Seattle. They are wide open to the things of the Spirit. Wish you get them over to have touch with you.

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March 5, 1969

Dear Oliver:

You may remember my writing you sometime back about the then probable "invasion" of British universities by the Campus Crusade, which I now understand is taking place with about fifty going over.

I have heard nothing about the results of this, but at the time I told you that I still felt sure that I.V.F. had the truly solid foundations for a permanent student witness in the universities, mainly because, through the wise leadership of Douglas Johnson, it had been built solely on the students themselves running I.V.F. affairs, rather than something imposed on them from without; and also because it was solely and exclusively a student movement. At the same time I said that I doubted whether Campus Crusade had the same permanency, both because of its more external methods of sending witnesses into the universities, and because it already was developing wider activities, such as laymen's training seminars, etc. It had not the character of a movement solely called to university witness.

I hope that, where Campus Crusade has been reaching into universities and colleges, where I.V.F. is already established (and surely that includes all in Britain) our I.V.F. Unions, have been able to cooperate rather than clash with them, because anyhow they do go all out to bring Christ to the students, and we're all one in this.

Anyhow, I think it is a further confirmation that I.V.F. is on right lines, going steadily ahead as it does, and I.V.F. likewise. Over here I.C.L. has really been swamped these recent years by the immense popularity and draw to young people, of Campus Crusade. And God has used them, but I still believe the lasting value is what God has established through I.V.F. And, indeed, through their splendid literature out put.

Just these few comments. No need to answer. I'm going over this summer through April to July, and hope I may have the chance of dropping in to see you.

All blessings,

Ever yours,



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March 17, 1969

My dear Doug,

I tremendously appreciated your letter of February 28. I tell you the blessings I have received from intimate fellowship with Abram, and with so many of you, far exceeds any blessing the other way round. But I have continually rejoiced in the fact that you all in I.C.L. have been so faithful in bringing Christ Himself to all those to whom I.C.L. so marvellously ministers; and I have especially greatly rejoiced in the way the Lord has chosen and called you personally, and obviously set His seal on you for the present and future, in a ministry which requires a special seal of God. I shall surely continue behind you always in the Spirit.

I am most grateful that you put me on this list to receive this special briefing, and I will be following along with you.

With my love in Christ. I'm soon off now for a tour through the whole summer in Britain.

Ever yours,



January 7, 1970

My dear Joe:

Many thanks for your airletter with all the news which arrived today, and with a personal note.

Glad you are dipping in to those "Memoirs" -- I would gladly have sent you a copy but you must have got hold of one somehow. I talk a little about how the Lord blessed me and many of us in WEC through our contacts with you all in Ruanda. I see most of Roy Hessian now, when he visits here.

Most certainly I will write Faith at Work about putting you on their list for receiving the magazine regularly. They have just changed the format for the New Year, and I like the message and articles in it very much. I have been on the inside of F.A.W. now from its start -- with Irving Harris, and God has greatly enlarged its outreach, so that his conferences are a blessing to thousands. But it is good when some of us are in the inner circle and can give a challenge every now and then.

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There was a tendency at one time to move off into interest more in social action than definitely bringing people to Christ and renewal, but they've swung back from that now; and then there are sometimes these tendencies to these "sensitivity" emphases which sweep this country, but are to my mind soul not Spirit; and I'm taking that up with them now. But in many ways God has given F.A.W. the renewal ministry for churches here, much as He has given you in East Africa.

Yes, I picked up that title for the "Memoirs" -- not the publishers-- though you don't say whether it meets with your approval or the opposite! I always enjoy our meetings through CUMB, and we really minister to each other over the years in this way. I hear now Bert Vollor has joined the band above.

Much love to you and Decie from Pauline and myself. We don't often meet, but have been one in spirit all these years.

Ever affectionately,



Nov.25.75

Morry dearest,

Is it really over three weeks since I got your last? Sorry for the delay. You are a wonderful letter-writer!

And meanwhile, since writing, you have had my darling Helen with you for dinner and with Will and Elizabeth. I am so glad, and how generous and loving you both are, when it also means much extra work for you. I shall be keen to hear of the time you had and the meetings.

I have been home the past ten days, after my Bermuda visit I think I told you of, where this Willowbank Guest House has been so blessed these fifteen years and many found the Lord. It was started by a Dr on the Island catching on to "the word of faith" with his vision of starting a living center in the Island. They bought a \$300,000 estate, five business men putting in \$50,000 by faith. God has so worked and the witness been blessed thru the Island that not only were all paid back, but about three million were spent in extensions. I go each year because of my link with them. This time was great, shared with Corrie Ten Boom. And then our own "family" fellowship in a surgeon's big home in Louisville,



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about 45 of us as weekend guests (and in neighbouring homes), and about 20 local friends. Tremendous sharing non-stop. Now I'm off this week for another ten days. Pauline remains about the same, and herself thinks the Lord's call is coming soon for her. Two days ago was our 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary. How wonderful to have all these years in the Lord's service together.

All my love to you both, kept busy at home as much as on the road, with so many to minister to by letter - a great privilege.

Lovingly,

Rumi-Anna

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Oct.30.87

My dear Doug,

I wonder if I will be too bold in asking whether you could give invitations for the National Breakfast next year to two of my close friends, and the wife of one and son of the other.

That was a wonderful dinner you gave me. I was greatly honoured by you all who came, and the special coin you gave me, and wonderful that you should hang that painting of me along with those of Marian and Abram in a room of Fellowship House. I never dreamed of such a thing. You know how I continually praise God that He has put and kept you at the hub of that vital witness. I also keep close touch with Wallace Haines in Britain and he told me of his recent good visit with you.

So I would be grateful if, among your many requests, you could give these friends also these invitations.

Ever with my love,

Anna

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EXCERPTS

Our calling is not on one side or the other on social or political issues; exactly as it was not the calling of Jesus who said, "Render unto Caesar.....," and gave no chance to the Jews to make Him out a political revolutionary; nor the calling of Paul who sent the runaway slave Onesimus back to his master Philemon. If Jesus or Paul had raised such issues, the whole world of that day would have only seen in Christianity a political or social revolutionary movement, the consequence of which would be to produce material gains and outwardly improve conditions of living, but not reach to the roots of a changed life. But the Gospel had an altogether different purpose: Not to be immersed in temporary social amelioration's which only meet temporary need; but to meet the real need of Christ in lives which makes the recipients not the bettered but the betterer of others: Not the blessed, but the blessers: not the healed, but the healers: Not the loved, but the lovers.

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But now, your final paragraph specially interests me, of course—about I.C.L. First, I would say how enormously I have been impressed with Abram's life, and the power of God in it, as I have studied it in detail. I started off with some fear and trembling, because, though I knew and loved him, others seemed to get the idea that he was too vague in his approaches and relationships in meeting men. But, my, no. He just beats the rest of us into a cocked hat in directly reaching men for Christ. That has become one of the main points to me in getting the book into print to show what kind of a man of God AV is and, therefore, what lies at the heart of I.C.L. His daughter extracted about two hundred of his letters to his wife in the early struggles of starting I.C.L. and they really let us inside him!

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1961 I have just come from the Washington meetings of I.C.L., and the Presidential Breakfast, which hit the ceiling this time. The President himself was fascinated and could not keep his eyes off the speakers, who one after another gave wonderful living testimonies. Even the Metropolitan Opera singer, Jerome Hines, would not sing until he first told how he had

been born again of God's Spirit. The man who really took the place was the British M.P., John Cordle, who came to call on us at Highland Road some years back. He gave a wonderful talk of what Christ meant in his life. The President was due to leave for a Security Council but refused to do so, and insisted on waiting another twenty minutes. Tears were in his eyes at one time. About half the Senate and Congress were there. They landed some of us sheep at tables with different groups of men. I was ganged up with a Judge Powell who is a keen Christian, and we had with us the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Navy, and a Senator and a Congressman while we ate and talked together. I think one of the Congressman knew the Lord. But all the meetings were of the same high tone. I will probably send along a copy of the Program. I had early morning sessions on prayer each day.

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1961 I thought you would like to have a line to hear of the Annual P.P.B. at Washington which hit the ceiling this year. The President was present, but the real point was the magnificent simple clear Gospel testimony which went out from speaker after speaker. The power of God was present. Sometimes some of these men don't go too far in their addresses, but the Word of God certainly came clear this time, as clear as Billy Graham himself could give it. And there was like note in other meetings. I.C.L. is on the rising tide.

You will also be pleased to hear that one of the outstanding speakers at the Breakfast was John Cordle. He spoke magnificently, first on what America had meant to Britain through recent difficult years, and then what America's greatest ambassador had meant in Billy Graham, and then giving his testimony to his change through Christ. It couldn't have been better. I had a chat with him. I understand he has gone back impressed and enthused. I wonder if he can be the means of a new uprising of I.C.L. right at the center. I expect you will be in touch with him. It will be good if you can see him.

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1961 By the way, it will interest you that they are expecting the largest number they have ever had at the Breakfast with both the President and Vice President, hundred and forty Congressmen, forty Senators, and

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five Cabinet members. The First Lady has been forbidden by the doctors to attend any public affairs for some weeks, but the interesting thing is that the Washington papers only picked out the First Lady Breakfast to comment on as something she couldn't attend, and to give some description of these Breakfasts. The V.P.'s wife and a number of others have promised to attend, and they expect about four hundred women. Representatives of forty Embassies are coming to the International Luncheon. So there are going to be grand chances of witness.

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1961 I had the Prayer meeting in the Mayflower Hotel before the Pres. Breakfast. They put 30 chairs in a room, but 150 crowded in. Great time. I had a good seat at Bkft. quite near the dais - seated with the Washington Chief of Police and the Under-Sec. for Agriculture, he really listened to a testimony.

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1961 I have just come back from the Washington meeting with the Presidential Prayer Breakfast. There has never been anything like this. The President was there in person, with about half the Senate and Congress, and each speaker gave a glorious testimony to the saving grace of God. Yet it was given in such a simple unassuming direct way, that the President and everybody could not take their eyes off the speaker. He was due for a Security Council meeting, but leaned over to Frank Carlson, Senator Carlson who is President and friend of all of us, and whispered to him, "I can't leave, I must stay on". He stayed another twenty minutes. Tears were in his eyes at one time, and a message came back through General Byers at the White House that he found immense inspiration in the meeting for his coming Latin American visit. And all the meetings right through were like that with the Gospel going out to so many who seldom hear it.

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1961 Perhaps you heard that Billy Graham spent several hours with Mr. Kennedy last week. During lunch Mr. Kennedy said to Billy - "I have seen you often on television and have wondered - just what do you

tell all those people who come down front?" That was perfect for Billy, and he gave Mr. Kennedy the whole plan of salvation. Later, suppertime, I believe - Mr. Kennedy said: "Billy, just what do you think the outcome of all this world situation will be?" Another perfect opening for Billy, and Mr. Kennedy heard about the Second Coming of the Lord. With eyes widening, and much interest, he said he had never heard anything like this before, and "does my church teach this?" Billy answered that he did not know what his church teaches, but this is what the Bible teaches. Later Mr. Kennedy asked Billy if he would be willing to sit in on conferences with cabinet officials and others concerning these problems of state and world affairs.





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There is a considerable breaking down of barriers between those of nearly all fellowships who are really hungry for the real things of the Lord, and this, under God, I believe is in no small part one of the fruits of the ministry from your pen. Pastor

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Rubi was always so interested in us (& in everyone!) for the work God was doing where we were – so positive – so encouraging. Once after he had fulfilled his commission to rebuke us he ended up with “You do what God wants you to do!”!!!

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Two weeks ago God told me to tell you that now I consider you my “guru”, as we say in India. Your book, “The Liberating Secret” is going to be the one great book in my latter half of life on earth.

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Rubi had a fertile brain as well as a Christ-filled heart.

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Norman Percy Grubb

17, Highland Road,
London, S.E.19.
26th January, 1956

My dear Friends in many lands,

It is a long time since I sent you a letter, but I am moved to write at least this short one now, as I am just about to start off on another journey from my homeland.

Our W.E.C. workers in U.S.A. have given me an invitation to come and join them for a period, to share in their staff conferences at the U.S.A. headquarters, and then remain over, God willing, for some months for tours of meetings. I would, therefore, particularly address this letter to my friends in the U.S.A. and Canada, in the hope that I shall see many of you. I have such living memories of past fellowship in the Spirit with you, and keenly look forward to renewing it. The address of our U.S.A. headquarters which will always find me is: -

Box A,
Fort Washington,
Penna,
U.S.A.

I am booked to sail on Feb. 9, the staff conferences will carry me over into March, and then I shall be looking to God for His plan for tours of meetings which may take me to about November.

The past eighteen months, since my return from the previous sixteen months spent in the Far East, has been spent in Britain, in and out of our London headquarters. It has been another period of blessing and advance. The fellowship at headquarters, where about 75 of us live, has been wonderful. We are learning to walk ever more fully in the light with the Lord and one another, as we share together the Lord's dealings in our personal lives, and are faithful one to the other in both giving and taking the honest word of exhortation or rebuke. I have never known a time when we have been more bound together in the love and liberty of the Spirit, allowing for full expression of differing view points, yet seeking and finding the one mind of the Spirit.

This has been the oil of love which has made the wheels of our many activities turn smoothly and happily. The challenge to advance with the spread of Christian literature worldwide through our Christian Literature Crusade has been right in the forefront, leading us to the largest stride of faith in our history, receiving from the Lord by faith a hundred new full-time literature workers by the end of this year. About 45 of these are now in, and this is to mean, not only the reinforcement

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of existing literature activities in many lands, but also the entry of five new zones. A start is also being made on new methods of spreading the Gospel by literature. One is the plan for a Gospel Newspaper for the West Indies, prepared in a way which will attract non-Christian readers, the artists and contributors being mainly Christian nationals. Newspapers of this kind have been started with great success in several countries. The other is the use of Correspondence Courses. We already have a small staff occupied in this work in India. Several thousands of Indians are taking it, and many more thousands will do so when we have sufficient staff to cope with it. Souls get saved and nominal Christians find the living Christ through these courses. We think that this same method can be usefully begun in a number of countries.

Reports from the fields bring us much joy, as they tell of people of many nations accepting Christ. In some fields it is just the first-fruits, the ones and twos, the first little group who have confessed Christ in Central Thailand, the handful who have found the Saviour in Moslem Senegal, the little congregations gathering in half a dozen towns recently entered in Japan, the converts who have dared to enter the waters of baptism in the Valleys of Kashmir and the Tibetan border. In other countries there are the problems of the growing young Churches, and the heart burden of the missionaries to see Holy Ghost-filled, separated and sanctified pillars of the Churches, and the Joy where there are such in Congo, Colombia, Liberia, Ivory Coast and other lands. In some countries there has also been a developing ministry of revival, such as in Pakistan and N. India, and with the assemblies in India connected with Bakht Singh, who is being so mightily used. I believe this sort of ministry is opening to us in other countries such as Korea and Indonesia.

Indonesia is our greatest challenge from the point of view of need, so many millions and so few reaching them. But nearly all fields call alike for reinforcements, and we thank God for a steady flow of new recruits: about 15 with us in London, 25 in the U.S.A. headquarters, nearly 40 in training at our Glasgow training centre, and 12 applicants for our new training centre in Tasmania.

I have been able to get around a bit to our Regional headquarters in various parts of Britain, holding a good number of meetings. Also to a number of countries in Europe where interest in the work is growing. We now have 23 workers in different parts of the world from nine Continental countries, with our Continental W.E.C. headquarters right in the centre in Alsace.

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A friend made it possible for me to get a quiet month by myself in which to complete a manuscript called "The Liberating Secret". This is now published, a kind of sequel to "The Law of Faith". I receive testimonies to blessing. I also had the privilege of preparing for the Press the autobiography of my old friend, J. D. Drysdale, Principal of the Emmanuel Bible College, Birkenhead, where so many of our missionaries were trained, adding to it a final section on his life. We hear too of blessing coming to readers of this. I have also spent a couple of weeks preparing something which has been much on my heart, an attempt to expound the wonderful light on God's Word and on the principles of the Spirit which were given to my beloved friend, the late Rees Howells of the Bible College of Wales, Swansea. Some of you will have read the biography named "Rees Howells Intercessor". It has had increasing circulation especially in U.S.A., and a regular stream of testimonies coming from it. I felt more light could come to readers of this biography, as it came to me through my years of fellowship with him, if I attempted to expound in more detail what God had taught him. This manuscript is in rough form, and will not be completed until I return again to Britain and can work at it with the inner team at Swansea, who shared with me the preparation of the Biography.

Once again my visit to U.S.A. means a parting with Pauline, and my daughter Priscilla, and our two grand-children who live with us, the children of my eldest son Paul. God gives grace for these partings which are never easy, but we are "prisoners of the Lord", "shut up" to the glorious privilege of being in the hands of the Holy Ghost for our generation. May we not move from our heavenly calling, pressing towards the mark, so running that we may obtain. I shall have the joy of seeing my younger son, Daniel, in the U.S.A., who has been going on brightly with the Lord, witnessing in the school where he is teaching, Greenbrier Military Academy, West Virginia. I ask your prayer for Priscilla and Paul. The Lord has not yet got hold of their hearts and lives, but He will do so.

My love in Christ to you all and blessing on you in your varied lives of testimony to Jesus. If we can't meet down here, we surely will "upstairs", as C. T. Studd used to say.

Ever yours,

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*Knight of Faith*

February 1, 1960

My dear Friends and Co-workers,

It is about a year since I sent a round-robin letter on what the Lord has been doing in our personal lives, and in the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade work in which we have a part. This is our fortieth year of married life and fortieth year since we set out as raw recruits for the heart of Africa. And W. E. C. -- C. L. C. (Christian Literature Crusade) entered their fortieth field this year! Isn't it amazing, you other oldsters who read this, how, as the years go by, everything else fades into insignificance except Jesus Himself? We don't live in the past, except to be thankful for the infinite privilege of having Him live in and through us those years; the future is just the same endless adventure -- you never know what He'll be doing, except that He is always "rivers of living water": and that's good enough for any of us. One feels like David, ready to do a dance before the Lord.

Less and less do I find myself interested in propagating a mission. I am still officially General Secretary of W. E. C., and North American Director. We had our triennial elections throughout the Crusade in the summer, and I hoped to be freed from direct N. American responsibility. They are seeking the Lord for a younger man, but until that one is clearly shewn, they have asked me to carry on. Of course all my heart all these years has been in the birth and growth of a mighty work of the Spirit on every field of the W. E. C., and the flow of life from every home base. But more and more I can only see one Person, the Ascended Christ, in living action through one Body, for one objective -- worldwide witness and the perfecting of the saints.

This to me runs counter to gathering interest around our fields, our work, our mission. I feel, in our homebase ministry, that my sole objective is help folks to enter into the reality of "Christ liveth in me", which is bound to result in Christ "mighty in me towards" others. As I do that, some will feel a vital bond with our W.E.C. team and their activities, and go along with us in various ways; others will feel a bond in the Spirit with other regiments of Christ's one army. All that matters is that all are part of one Living Body-in-action. I hope our fellow-workers on furlough from the fields bear their testimony with the same outlook -- not basically to attract attention just to their field, but rather to inspire hearts to see the greatness of our united calling -- to

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be the “asses” that bear the Saviour in His triumphal entry into hearts worldwide.

I know this is only possible if our Crusade maintains the principles upon which it was founded, and I think it does by God's grace: that finance is not our business; if we get on with the work of the kingdom, the King sees to the supply lines; if we are finance-minded, then we have to concentrate on getting interest in our work, to get the finances! Also that a mission is not an organisation managed by an “Executive Committee” or “Board” as it is usually called here: it is a fellowship of free servants of Christ, each undertaking their share of the ministry in the liberty of the Spirit, directly responsible to Him, and with only the amount of co-ordination in fellowship (not by command) necessary for combined action. When these principles are functioning, then there is not a mass of fussy top-level oversight needed. Each is the Lord's servant, receiving their supplies from Him, doing their job as He directs. Folks often can't make out why I seem free from many “executive” burdens, and can thus share in carrying other people's also: but those two are the basic reasons, and I think my chief job is to keep out of the way of the Holy Spirit!! It's a good life!

Now for some local news. In our headquarters' life at Fort Washington, where we average 50 adults and 20 children, we have the priceless opportunity of practising a New Testament fellowship. We live too close to palm it off with a passing nod. We stumble sometimes, but we do walk together and most definitely more closely in love this year. Some major barriers have gone down; it is evident in the freedom and joy in the Spirit in the daily meetings. Fellowship has to be maintained like anything else. There will always be individual spots where it can be bettered; but sometimes painful and heartsearching sessions lead to new understandings.

The uprise of house-groups, in reality “house-churches”, over this country is phenomenal. I have been visiting very many of them. Folk are finding in them the opportunity to participate, to share what the Lord is doing and saying to them, study the Bible, get in their unconverted friends, which is bringing us back to the pattern of the early church. I was recently in the magnificent home of a relative of the U.S. ambassador in Britain, who now has six Bible classes among those of her own social set; there we were talking of the Lord in the big drawing room with the photo of the Grace Kelly-Monaco wedding on the piano,

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which my hostess said "of course" she had attended! I am returning and help further in this group.

I have been getting some writing done. A small book, maybe 60 pages, on the Lord's work in W.E.C. should soon be out, called "The Lame Take the Prey". It takes the place of "After C.T. Studd", now rather out of date. I count it a privilege also to be in the midst of writing about my beloved friend, Abram Vereide, whom the Lord has so wonderfully raised up as a witness in the U.S.A. Senate and Congress, and in political and business leadership all over the world, including several of the Royal families. I have had close contacts for about 12 years with him and the International Christian Leadership movement which he founded, and paid many visits to their Washington headquarters in the Ambassadors' Avenue. This should be completed by the summer. Then I also have a manuscript of my own in the rough, which I may call "God Unlimited".

How much anointed eyes can see and rejoice in, when reckoned in terms of souls reached for Christ. No wonder we find never-wearying joy in this calling. The big, bustling son of the W.E.C., very much come of age -- The Christian Literature Crusade -- is spreading its Literature branches worldwide. Here in U.S.A., we are bringing special English and other spiritual life authors to the many Christian bookstores, such as the best-selling "Normal Christian Life" by Watchman Nee, and books by Andrew Murray; Jessie Penn-Lewis, Oswald Chambers, Amy Wilson Carmichael, and others.

Thank you, if you have read this thru. If you have managed to get as far as this last sentence, then I will just add that I look upon this letter as a means of keeping a touch of living fellowship with you. Sometimes over many years, sometimes only through a brief contact, I have known the flow of spirit with spirit with you in Christ and that is the eternal bond. This comes with my love and greetings.

Always glad to hear from any of you. Thank God for the tides of this life of Christ flowing in this world to-day, and that they flow, by grace, even thru you and me (John 7:38).

Ever yours,

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Norman Percy Grubb

March, 1963

My dear Friends:

It is two years since I last wrote, so I shall have to do some tight packing with news! They have been packed years too, both in W.E.C. and other activities.

In W.E.C., in which we are 44 years old (our own ages are 69 Pauline, 67 Norman), we are as thrilled and thankful as ever for all God is doing. In 1961 we had the first leaders' conference of our history at Kilcreggan, the lovely house and 30 acres of grounds given us in Scotland as a W.E.C. conference centre. The thrill to me was to see the younger generation arising and taking on along the same principles upon which the Crusade was founded by C.T. Studd - sacrifice, faith, holiness and fellowship. I was asked and have completed a small brochure on these four principles, their meaning and function in our ministry, called THE FOUR PILLARS OF W.E.C.

The C.L.C., now reaching its 21st year, gave me the privilege of preparing the story of these years, now published under the title of LEAP OF FAITH. It was as big an inspiration to me to do it as it will be to any reader, as I followed through the deeply human stories of these simple men and women of faith, from Ken and Bessie onward, who out of weakness have been made strong and done every kind of exploit, until they are 250 in 36 countries with 70 book-centres and expanding all the time; starting with \$500 of literature 21 years ago, and rising to \$1,000,000 last year.

The only W.E.C. field I would have space to mention is our joy in the Congo churches in their season of fiery trial. If ever we were thankful that C.T. Studd laid no superficial foundations, and was never content with nominal profession, it was these days; for Christ had come to live in many Africans, and so the transition was not from missionary to African, but from Christ in the one to Christ in the other; and the Congolese churches quietly assumed their responsibilities, in fullness of brotherhood with the missionaries, and have been going forward, many being added to the churches, and as appreciative as ever of all help we can still give them in the ministry of the Spirit and the Word.

I spend more than half my time away from home and W.E.C. affairs, because the open doors and invitations take me all over this country and Canada with the "CHRIST IN YOU" truth. So many know justification as an inner realization, but not unification. It is possible

to recognize even Christ in me as two separate persons, but not to have come to the consciousness of the unity by the faith which substantiates a fact, in which He is my Other Self (the best way I can interpret Paul's "Nevertheless I live, YET NOT I, but Christ lives in me"); yet the paradox remains that within this unity is the duality (the little i and BIG I), and our little i is the means of the Self-manifestation of the I AM. Marvellous. And when this fact, which is a fact in all the redeemed becomes through faith a spontaneous background to our daily living, then we are freed in our humanity to plunge in with all the zest of living into all the adventures of faith and witness and loving service of which all life consists when we have eyes to see it; yet all the time we know (and can laugh within) at the hidden secret that it is not we at all but HE living. "As He is, so ARE we", not ought, can, should be. Nothing can finally satisfy the heart except the knowledge of REPLACEMENT- HE the real One living, i only living in a secondary sense as the container and manifestor of Him: HE TAKING THE PLACE of human me, for humanity was only created to contain Deity: not to become something by itself, but to contain Someone; therefore we humans can never reach the foundations of satisfaction, until by revelation life is not we living it, but HE.

I have been coming up to an attempt to put this in writing through three previous books, THE LAW OF FAITH, THE LIBERATING SECRET, THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD; but God seems to have given a clarity beyond any of the others in the most recent - GOD UNLIMITED. I am having very many evidences that it is bringing light to readers, more than any of the others. Around the country, whether to large congregations or in very many cases these days to house groups, I find myself "compelled" to stick to this one line which meets the needs of hearts.

I have also been greatly privileged to work in close cooperation with two movements of the Spirit these days, International Christian Leadership and Faith at Work. I.C.L. aims at bringing Christ to leaders in all walks of life. I wrote the life of its founder, Abraham Vereide, last year under the title of MODERN VIKING. He has been a friend of mine for years; and it has been one of God's original ways to take a Norwegian immigrant from the sheepfolds of Norway and make him the one to start the weekly prayer breakfasts in Senate and Congress, leading on to the Annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast attended by 1000 of the nation's leaders, the President and Vice-President, Cabinet, House

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of Representatives, Supreme Court, Pentagon etc. President Kennedy has attended each year and there is no milk and water message given, but the clear word of "Ye must be born again." I have attended the last five of them, leading a pre-breakfast prayer meeting for about 80 - 100 mostly men, and was due to present a copy of the book to the President last year; but, as Presidents do, he came a few minutes late, so that the book had to be given him privately afterwards. Now the movement has so expanded that this year there is a Governor's Breakfast in almost every state, attended by the State officials, and each with the aim of bringing a personal Saviour to them.

The other movement, Faith At Work, is spreading widely and rapidly over this country. Its emphasis is bringing the challenge of personal committal to Christ to church members largely of the older denominations, through participation on the group fellowship level. Teams of lay folks go for weekends to churches, conducting fellowships in homes, and leaving behind them continuing house groups as part of normal church life. Many ministers and churches open widely to this, because it does not draw from them, but brings life to them.

Rumours ran around this year that I was already "promoted" and with the Lord! But not yet! I had a bladder operation (quite simple and minor) to remove cysts. So praise the Lord, and I could not be fitter. Pauline is about the same, never too fit, but she carries all the burdens of our family life, giving herself wholly and so freely giving me for my wandering life. She is our backbone - married 44 years. How good God has been to me.

As the years pass, how thankful we are for the family of God everywhere and the fellowship in Christ we find everywhere, old friends in England and Europe, and many new ones in this country where we love to be.

Our loving greetings in Christ to you all, and we are always glad to hear news of you.

Ever yours in Christ,



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*Knight of Faith*

FT. WASHINGTON, PA.

31 Aug 77

Dear Ones,

I am writing this to some of our "inner Circle" ones because there is now coming an all-out open attack on what is to us freedom in Christ, on the basis that true freedom is not freedom unless it includes promiscuous sex whether among marrieds or unmarrieds. We all know where we stand on this, but I think it needs underlining just because there is such an open attack on it by two who have attended our fellowship.

I need hardly to say to you that this is the perversion of freedom because it links freedom to being free to do anything my flesh wants to, which is in fact bondage - to the flesh. Whereas true freedom of my true self which is my human spirit, joined to Him the Spirit, is the true delightful "bondage" of God, the bondage of being other-lovers in which we can't and don't want to do these things that hurt others for self-benefit, such as lying, thieving, murder, adultery, just as God The Eternally Free One "cannot lie". So flesh-freedom is death-bondage and reaps corruption. Spirit-freedom is life-bondage ("in whose service is perfect freedom" - anyhow one good thing the Anglican prayer book says!) and is eternal true being, for it is God's "being".

Freedom is never being anything; that is a kind of LSD delusion which runs us into nothingness. Freedom is the necessity of choice, for we are only consciously free because we stand between alternatives and have to choose; and such choice makes us captive to our choice. So the eternal issue is presented to us - is freedom choosing self-interest and the bondage of self-gratification; or is freedom choosing with God other-interest and the bondage of other-love; and we find that heaven, for it is God.

So we reject any attempt to twist this truth into a lie and a lie into truth. So we reject what these brethren are trying to put upon us as higher than "union life". We do not reject them. They are brethren in Christ caught up in a perversion, and we are strong in the Lord still to welcome and meet with them, though making plain by word and deed that we reject their false perversion.

In the end we don't argue on freedom as a philosophy. We stand with Jesus who said "If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed". CHRIST is our freedom - Person joined to person.

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Just thought I would pass this around as this perversion seems now to be surfacing among us.

Ever loving you all,

  
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Dec. 27.78

Dear Ones,

Whom I had so hoped to be with this coming Feb and March. It is only the Lord's word to me, which Dan Stone also sees to be His word, that stops me from coming on this tour.

My main reason is that for the past three years I have been constantly travelling here and there with great joy, and the ministry and fellowship with you all has been marvellous, and meanwhile my precious Pauline in her physical weakness (though strong as ever in the Lord) has been almost entirely in bed and so lovingly cared for by one of our co-workers in WEC who had a call from God to come to England to be with her, Susie Wheeler. But on my return this time from our recent two months in the southwest, I had this clear word from the Lord that I should not be away for such long periods. My heart is in travelling and being with you all as much as ever. I shall hope to continue shorter visits here and there, but at present it is to stay at home and also do some writing.

We shall just have this little bit of the Cross in our missing our being together which we have so looked forward to.

I shall hope the Lord will still make it possible for me to satisfy my hunger to be with you later on.

ever loving you,


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Dec.21.80

My dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I am sending you this printed word of loving greetings, because I have only now returned from a tour of three months of meetings and visits.

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The Lord has wonderfully given me my granddaughter Sandie to drive me around, together with another wonderful gift of God in a Rabbit Diesel, which is such a saving in fuel, as well as great relief for me from bag-carrying and plane-catching. The Holy Spirit only recently caught hold of Sandie, and she herself is such a blesser and blessed as she mingles with all our Union Life friends. We plan to continue the same next year.

My precious Pauline still remains quietly the same with Susie Wheeler so lovingly caring for her, and Priscilla also at home with her.

This year is our 61<sup>st</sup> since Pauline and I married and started our three month journey by Nile River Steamer and foot into the Ituri Forest in the heart of Africa; and we say, as we look back over the years, as Israel said, "What hath God wrought", and "The shout of a king is among us". We are so thankful too that our son Daniel, teaching at his university, is so much a part of us in our Union Life Fellowship.

Lovingly to you all, and The Blesser is blessing you, as He always is doing; and we are still believing "See-throughers", not unbelieving "See-at-ers", in Him meaning all that comes to us as a fresh manifestation of Himself, and turning it all into "the good pleasure of His goodness" by our spoken words of faith.

*Norman, Pauline, Priscilla, Susie, Sandie*

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March, 81.

My dear Friends,

The Lord has been very good to me these past months by giving me my Granddaughter Sandie to drive me on my visits, in another wonderful gift of God - a "Rabbit Diesel".

So we are planning a tour in the Fall, which will take us from September through November, through the Middle West to and down the West Coast, and back through Arizona, Texas to Chicago, and thus home.

You will excuse this form letter, but I wanted to let you know that I would much hope to be allowed to visit you on our journey, stay perhaps a couple of nights, have a time of sharing and fellowship with you, and if you can get a few friends together, on the precious secrets of the liberated life in Christ which He has made real to me.

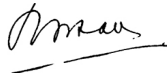
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So this is just a line in hope, if you could let us be with you. I will write later to suggest possible dates.

It will be wonderful to have this opportunity of fellowship with you, and Sandie will enjoy it along with me. The Lord has been good to me. I shall humanly be 86 by the time I come to you (spiritually eternal!), so you can imagine what a boon it is to me to be driven by Sandie instead of bag-carrying and plane-catching!

This doesn't need an answer now, as I will be hoping to write a few weeks later with details.

Lovingly in Christ,


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May 20, 81

Beloved folks,

I reckon the clouds are gathering and the storms blowing up for us nationally as you read this precious "good soldier's" last paragraph. Praise God. This looks like the Spirit's next (unexpected) means of bringing the "Total Truth" to the notice of the church worldwide - via the glory of the Cross! And this is just what Rees Howells always made plain - the heart of gained intercession is in the deaths of the intercessors - Col. 1.24 where the "afflictions of Christ" in Paul were "for His body's sake" - not for the outside world of v. 23. So for us! And I'll probably soon be leaving you to the glorious cold winds!!! and the eternal harvest!

My love as ever,

  
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Jan.22.82

My dear Ones,

It is only since my return from my 2 ½ months tour of visits and groups on the West Coast, just before Christmas, that I have been able to read and be moved and blessed by your loving remembrances of Pauline; and many of you remembering special links you had with her.

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My Granddaughter Sandie did send many of you a "form", which was the best I could do on tour, but I feel now that I must write again, again "form", but with a personal note attached, when you so beautifully wrote me and joined in our "dance in spirit" with our precious one "for ever with the Lord".

So thank you. Priscilla, my loved daughter, remains quietly at home, lovingly caring for my small needs when I am at home, but not really able to care for the home; so my Granddaughter Sandie remains with her, while others very kindly join me to drive me on my tours.

I plan to continue my many various tours through this year. How can you hold back when so many of God's redeemed people want to know and share our great Col.1.24-29- and Gal.2.20, and 1 John. 4:17 living reality in their daily lives, and thus themselves be those from whom those "rivers" of John 7:38 flow out? Only the Holy Spirit makes us inwardly know we are no longer we in our mere humanity, but Christ manifesting Himself in us, by us, as us; but HE Does give this glorious inner revelation by which we "walk as He walks", love as He loves, know as HE KNOWS, WHICH IS John's glorious message to us in his union epistle.

I have great joy also in having a share in bringing out our UNION LIFE MAGAZINE which continually centres on this reality. I would gladly have it sent to any of you who would like it receive it - and it is sent without charge!

Lovingly and thankfully,


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April, 1988

My dear \_\_\_\_\_,

During the Twenties, as a young man, I joined C.T.Studd in the Congo, taking his daughter, Pauline, with me, to bring Christ to the Africans. I soon saw the necessity of knowing for myself what Jesus called "the abundant life", and Paul, "Christ formed in you" and "everyone complete in Christ", and Studd in his inimitable way, "Jesus Christ running around in black bodies". We came to this reality for ourselves, after long struggles and night hours in a forest plantation, by

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speaking the word of faith in Paul's Galatians 2:20: "I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me": and all my life since (after 62 years my Pauline is with the Lord), I have had this as my major concentration - how to help my brother to his "total" in Christ.

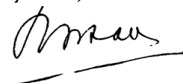
In the Thirties, learning the principles of faith through my loved friend Rees Howells, operating from our British and USA Homebases, we saw our Worldwide Evangelization Crusade expand from 35 workers in one field to over twelve hundred in forty fields, now including in our number Africans, Brazilians, Japanese, Indonesians and others to whom we first brought the gospel. Added to that there was the birth and growth of the Christian Literature Crusade, bringing millions of books that point to Christ in forty-five countries by bookcenters with a staff of six hundred, all also living by faith.

From the Sixties onward, while others took the leadership of the Crusade, I gave myself to writing several books, still available, on this "fullness" reality. Some of you may have read one or another, such as The Law of Faith, God Unlimited, The Deep Things of God, Who Am I?, and the final fullest "Yes I Am".

Now in my Nineties, with so much to thank God for, I had a 'heart-touch' last year, and during quiet weeks I came to see more clearly than ever before the simplicity and working reality of our "truth", in Paul's own words in his Romans Six to Eight chapters, which I call "Paul's Key to the Liberated Life".

If you could spare time to read this through, and if any further copies might be useful to pass to others or to some group or other, you can obtain them by writing me.

This ever with my love to many of you through many years,



P.S. What I am saying in this brochure is to correct a major error I have had. I had always thought that when Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me", he meant that it is Christ replacing my unreliable self by Himself. But no. It is Christ replacing that unreliable Satan "spirit of error" in my self, because Paul makes plain my human self was only created a vessel, branch, temple, beautifully made to express its owner and operator, and never itself: that occupier formally being that "spirit of error", but now "The Spirit of Truth". As Paul says, "This life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me". I

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am free as a self to accept and love myself as a God-made expressor. No condemnation. FREE TO BE. As that little doggerel at the end of my YES I AM book says about twenty times over, "If the Lord says I am so and so, YES I AM"! A complete life!

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December 1992

My dearest friends of many years,

I have now come to the place at 98 when I think I can write this as a last love letter to many of you. I have here now about 60 loving letters to answer with no Volunteer to help except in the discovery in the Lord's goodness that my daughter Priscilla (there are only we two left here) can put my words into writing.

You will understand that such a letter cannot often touch the intimacies many of you have shared with me, but at least it is my last love note until we are altogether in our eternal love union with Jesus and each other. Probably I may have sent you the last published thing I have, called "Total Truth" of 8 pages. If you already have had it, you have a trash can or maybe a receptive friend. The point is yet once again to say there is a full liberation from a struggling Christian faith. I have written on this in a number of books which some of you have like; "The Law of Faith", "The Liberating Secret", "Spontaneous You", and finally this "Yes, I Am". Also, my account of how I found this totally liberating secret in a Romans pamphlet I did which I called "Paul's Key to the Liberating Life in Romans 6-8" (or 22 pages which you can get through Linda Bunting 13984 Poplar Lane Louisville, KY 40299).

I am now writing through Priscilla what obviously is really my last letter and what I am saying in capitol letters is that there is a totally released life, not half, not a quarter, but the whole, and it took some years for the spirit to get that through to me to the point where I can say and you also, if you have the same inner confirming light: "the total". At least in this earthly life all the born again lovers to whom I am writing know Jesus as Saviour and know somewhat in some area of your life as in mine of the earliest battles between self and Christ leadership and the inner fixing of Christ as a dual Lord as well as Saviour. Then came the problem often lasting many years and sometimes a lifetime, between the fact of Christ as Lord and yet the constant grabs and uprisings of myself responding to all around me that so attracts and

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builds self when in some strong areas of strong temptation we cry to God, seek help, and get some, but not a total release. There is still the inner battle between Satan's operations on me, though so against my will.

Where was the answer? To me, through unexpected printed contact with 2 giants of the spirit, Jacob Boehme and so often his clarifier to us William Law, there at last I saw the full grounds of not two fightings within me and the response often uncertain with one clear fixation David quoting "I am fixed". Now I learned and knew that through our glorious Saviour disguising Himself as a human under the name of Son of Man and this being called the second and last Adam; and this deliberately within range of the one to whom Adam gave himself by his disobedience at the tree, but this time, thank God, Satan had met his match and not only that, but his expulsion by faith to all believers. Never once from his 40 days of temptation did He give Satan an inch until at the last crisis of the coming of the agony of Calvary, Jesus said his final word, "The cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?" Then the travail through Calvary death to resurrection to ascension to His glorious position seated at the right hand of the Father and able to pour out on us His own transforming personhood. So now at last I knew that there was no inner battle to be fought. One, because that false claimer is out forever from a claim to be our indweller on that simple faith basis by which Abraham is now called our faith Father and when we have these constant variety of assaults on us from the ever active Satan, we don't even by faith have to confront him, but tell him he was put out of us forever by Christ's enthronement at the right hand of God and the coming of the Spirit. So all we say in all fierceness of attacks - "Satan, you're out for keeps". Our enthroned Christ no longer just in us, but as us expressing his triumphant reply and often by patience the word in Romans 8:28.

My recent and final pamphlet called "Intercessors in Action" takes you through the 5 mountain top crises of my own life in which that Romans 8 word has taken place (also available through Linda Bunting). There at last I seek to share the fact that there is a total liberation but that one simple way of a faith which must be declared as openly. With the opposition and rejections with which many will meet it, this glorious "I AM", as in that last book, my hope and belief is that with our dear folks at Louisville renewing those great tent fellowships we had and other ones which will surely spring up a consequence, this "I AM" gospel can reach out to those thousands of hungry believers yet struggling under this delusion of a Satan-Christ confrontation which I

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put in a sentence as formerly Satan-I now through Christ's and Calvary faith, Christ-I. There never has been such a thing as I—I.

I send this with my love and greatness of thanks for many precious letters which I could not have gotten to you except by the loving offer of Judy Dunn working together with our precious DeeDee Winter in Arlington, TX. With all that has to go on to get this into freedom of print, probably when you see this I will have passed on to the glory family, but I am so glad that my precious Priscilla daughter will continue to live in the house that the Lord gave us to build, though on CLC property. The home goes back to them when she comes to join us in glory. Meanwhile, there might be one or another who might come down to be with Pris in this big house.

Hymans & Pris
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April, 1993

My Dear Friends,

My Easter joy lies in my grandson, Dan, Jr. and his wife Marlene. We have such a lovely link with them and their three children. They not only visit me and my daughter Priscilla, but they have been such a business help to me at the age of 97. If not for them, Priscilla and I may have been quite alone. God is always providing the unexpected; a tremendous help to our family.

Our Easter surprise is within our family as God continues to provide. Just imagine the shock and surprise of all the heart-broken disciples when they thought they were leaving Jesus' dead body in the tomb? Suddenly, they found Him whole, visible to life in the Living Saviour. And now, after all these years, we keep that surprise at Easter time and throughout the year.

Christ had a purpose and He ascended to come back in His real person as the Holy Spirit (for only in the Spirit do real bodies dissolve). Since Pentecost, all this means is, that we, who are born of the Spirit, know Him permanently in worldly affairs.

In our ordinary lives, it is really the Living Lord—Christ expressing Himself by making us live in daily habits. Before we were born again, it was the spirit of error, Satan, making us live, each of us self-for-self. But, since this new nature, which we are celebrating again in Easter,

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is now the Christ-self expressing His new nature and spirit of self for others. This of course is the Spirit that took Him through Calvary and now dwells in us with love, joy, and peace.

Our service for others uses this love, joy, and peace and eliminates that hate nature self-for-self. Although we often slip back into it, we return by the faith of Christ living in us.

This is the real Easter joy that you and I have. That makes Easter a psalm when we are in His born again family.

So I have to remind you my dear friends, after receiving so many counts and greetings from you, that my grandchildren send this word with all of my love to you.

May you all have a Blessed Easter.

In Christ Jesus,

*Norman & Pris*  
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Norman Grubb
709 Pennsylvania Avenue
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December, 1993

My dear Friends and Family,

I am only able to write through the assistance of my daughter, Priscilla and grandchildren. Priscilla very lovingly writes down what I say; Marlene and Dan print my letters out for me and send them off to you. At 98 years of age, my hands are so crippled that it is impossible for me to write legibly.

I feel that I am in as bad of a condition as can be. My body seems useless, lying around in a bed or chair, but I feel too well to be going to the Lord any time soon.

I receive numerous loving letters from different ones. My granddaughter, Marlene, sees that I get my mail; Dan, Jr., my grandson, and their three children have been a tremendous help. They live about one hour away; they check in on Pris and I, along with managing the household.

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When folks have lovingly sent gifts and regular contributions, all has benefited me in the nursing care I receive. I have two nurses that are regularly with me during the week—Cheryl and Sheila have been a blessing. God has been good to me since my Pauline went to the Lord on Tuesday, September 15, 1981 at 7:00 PM.

Some ten years ago I made provisions for Pris and I pray that the income produced will be sufficient for her needs. Secondly, any memorial gifts following my death shall be for Pris's benefit.

I am comfortable that she has the house to live in. Christian Literature Crusade so kindly agreed that Pris may stay on here under the supervision of Dan, Jr. and Marlene.

So I must say that the Lord has provided for me and my family of which Pris is unable to see to all her own needs. As Pris and I have lived simply, the Lord's abundance goes on and on.

How grateful that Pris can put into writing what I am speaking! This does not cover, by any means, the loving things that you refer to in your writings to me. It has to be my loving response to your many unanswered correspondence.

So by no means can I really answer your loving letters. I answer them in my heart for you. By faith, you all will find the answers that the Lord has for you. And by faith, you will continue to walk with Christ and in Christ.

I now give you my Christmas blessing. If this shall be my last letter to you, may you always walk in faith until we meet in the glory of God.

With much joy and praise to God's unending love for us—




MISCELLANEOUS

Indonesia was closed to me as an ex-soldier so I began to prepare for NW Guinea, at that time still administered by the Dutch. I talked it over with Rubi and he strongly advised against it. "Too few people, so many missionaries, we do not believe in competition, we must go where the 'fish' is", are some of his sound words, then spoken to me.

Basically that then set me free to go to the Communist countries: many people, no missionaries, no competition and lots of 'fish'. He sure was a wise and prophetic counselor. Brother Andrew

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Norman did more than give advice. He took a continuing personal interest in you and your life's situations.

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If I don't watch out, instead of writing a lengthy argument on our differences, I'll be stretching out as far on my deep gratitude for your guidance and help.

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I found the letter delightful, for you write the way you talk, and that is most unusual.

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May His glory be fully revealed through you.
Brother Bakht Singh, India

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March 5, 1956

My dear Stephen:

Very many thanks for your letter. It followed me to the States! You are a good and stimulating controversialist! I thoroughly enjoyed your Parthian shot that, if I were in your place, my preface would have been stronger than yours! A bull's eye!

What you say about Bakht Singh is excellent and illuminating. The news of the public bond between him and Billy has been coming through, their personal talks together, and Billy even asking B.S. to lead in prayer before the Bishop of Madras. B.S. on a platform with a Bishop! And now I hear that Bro. B.S. attended the meetings of the Evangelical Fellowship of India, a thing he refused to do when I was out there, although he did pray for me going there! This is grand, so long as he and they can now keep their balance between their glorious faithfulness in founding all out New Testament churches and charity to other members of the body of Christ in other churches.

What especially rejoices me is to hear that you have been among those who have stood solidly for Bro.B.S. during his "separatist" days. I was grieved to find the stiff and uncooperative attitude of even the best evangelicals of India towards them. We in WEC had the privilege, I think, of being the only sizable missionary group to identify ourselves publicly with them, and my, haven't our folk been blessed and inspired.

Ever yours in Christ,


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As from  
Charlotte, N.C.  
July 4.56

Dear Alan,

It was a great surprise - and joy - to get your letter sent to me on tour, and for that reason excuse the amateur typing.

Of course I will count it a privilege to join you in April, and am delighted also that Stewart Dinnen saw you and that you have invited him too.

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I suppose exiles always have a pleasure in a welcome from home folks, and I am not thinking about our nationality because I am thoroughly at home with the Lord's people here as I am sure you are; but I mean in a welcome from the evangelical brethren among whom we could and would move happily, if we were allowed to! You probably know that IFMA have steadfastly kept us out of their ranks when we ought to be right one of them as in Britain and all other countries; and for that reason many churches, including Moody's, have not felt free to offer us fellowship. That is why your letter was such a surprise and joy! I have written a letter to IFMA to try and answer their objections to our doctrinal, governmental and financial methods, but our staff did not think it was yet time to send it, but if I had a copy by me here, which I have not, I should be tempted to send you a copy, though still unofficial. I just sent one to Oswald Smith in a letter I was writing him.

Anyhow I do thank you for your invitation. My ministry in recent years has been a great deal along the lines of the deepening spiritual life, leaving vital descriptions of the fields to those recently returned from working in them, but of course we live to see the gospel get to every creature, so I will gladly fit into any programme you arrange.

I praise God for the many times I hear how God is using you these days in this country of such vast opportunity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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September 24, 1958

Dear Vernelle,

How good you are in pouring your heart out, and you always bring light. That first sentence is excellent - friendship really being Christ in me enjoying Christ in you. Actually we shall discover one day that all life will be exactly that, shan't we?

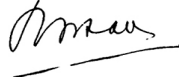
And now you lovingly give me this kind of "official" invitation. I don't know if you ought to do that to your church - or perhaps you did not even mean that - for I am no preacher, never trained. I gabble too quickly and it is too English. But a house meeting would be grand.

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Grand also to hear about Ralph. Nothing like these God picks up who just know they are sinners saved by grace, when most of us are such alcoholics in such subtle ways as pride that we don't even recognize that we too have been drunk with sin!

Warmest love.

Ever yours,



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October 16, 1958

Dear Brother Earl:

Many thanks for yours of Oct. 1. It reached me just when I was moving off for a month of meetings, so I passed it on to have the books dealt with which you kindly ordered, but could not answer personally.

Of course you stir me by what you write. Actually yours is so far the only really warm response I have had to the book. I think possibly it is too solid meat for many; however, I felt convinced that some of these things should go into print, and they are only scratching on the surface of what really needs to be said, and what has been handled by such as J.B.

I am thinking of dabbling into a few things over the New Year, where I have had further light since this recent book, and putting together a few scattered chapters on certain points, although, as my program fills up, I don't know whether I shall have the time that I really do want.

I haven't really grasped your angle of approach in its living implications, so as to make it vital to readers. I feel I couldn't handle such as Genesis 1 without having very clear light myself, just because I suppose it is a passage of scripture about which there has been so much controversy these days, and one needs to know the scientific approach, whether it is "assured results" or mere speculation, if one is to handle such a subject with conviction for a reading public. I have got a small distance in understanding the two opposites, the dialectic, but I have not seen this clearly in the days of Creation. Unfortunately, I left my "Mysterium Magnum" behind in Britain, and can't get it until I hope to be visiting there in about 18 months. I take it that the study of J.B.'s own books on Genesis would bring light. I have them, but have just not studied them. I am sure there is more that could be brought out and in a readable fashion for ordinary Christians, if one first got the clear grasp



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of it along the line of the seven forms of nature, etc. The "Astral" would be a misunderstood word to use, as the average Bible believer regards that as connected with Theosophy and so on!

It is obvious that you have things burning in you to find expression. Somehow it seems to me that I need to question you on this and that that you put in writing, but which is obscure to the normal reader, and see if by talking it over I can get the idea clearer to put on paper in a clearer way. I will hope to re-read your MS around Christmas, when I am putting that period aside.

Well, let's keep corresponding, and the Lord will be showing what His way is for us. Yes, He is "the law of all". That is the truth. I don't know anyone except yourself who seems really pressing on this way. So please keep writing when there is anything else that we could profitably share.

Ever yours in Christ,



December 17, 1958

Dear Eleanor,

Just a line to say what a joy it was to get your letter. Such testimonies are precious jewels.

Lovely to hear how searching has changed to realization. Thank God, and thank you for writing. What a joy it will be too to the Johnsons to have you right in with them as one of those who, knowing Him yourself, can now introduce Him to others. Thank God.

My love in Christ, and always glad to hear from you at any time,  
Yours in Him,



October 15, 1959

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Bauer:

I was ever so glad to get the link with you and Jeannette at the meetings. I felt God gave us a bond in spirit together, and I did appreciate your coming so often.

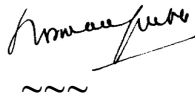
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This is to confirm that Priscilla and I could come over, by your kind invitation, on Wednesday evening, November 4 - the condition being that you don't put yourselves out for us, but just let us share in with the family! Pauline, my wife, thinks it will be difficult to come with the grandchildren, because of distance and lateness during the school period. It will be lovely later if you can drop over and see her and us in our very simple communal living over here.

Don't bother to answer this, if it is o.k., and we will just turn up.

I have written to International Christian Leadership and asked them to send you some literature.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



February 9, 1960

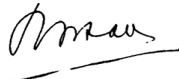
My dear Vernelle,

Thank you for your letter. You are wonderfully faithful in writing. Tell me how Margaret is going. It is the Lord who is walking in her in this apparently strange path. He just forces us, doesn't He, to find out that nothing is really anything except Jesus only and Jesus is nothing but love, therefore He gives us plenty of perverse people as they appear to us to be, to expend His love upon through us. I know He is walking like this in and through Margaret and Jesus only will be seen in her. She is on the solid rock. I had real and deep heart fellowship with her during visits in New York and by letter.

The same with dear brother Ralph. God has just to take us backward paths, as well as forward, until we learn the senselessness of independent self. Tell him we love him and look for more fellowship with him.

Warmest love to you,

Ever yours,



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Sept.12.60

Dear Mr. Keiffert,

I am grateful for the times you have so kindly kept my watch in going order; but as both my watches were wedding presents of 40 years ago, I cannot hope much more from them.

The Lord has sent a gift now by which I could purchase a new reliable one. I was wondering whether you could most kindly find such a one or recommend one to me. I do a lot of travelling and taking meetings, and would be glad of one with an expanding bracelet upon which I could rely. What would be the price of a reliable watch - about \$30 or more?

I would be grateful if you could help me in this, because I know you would recommend a reliable one. I leave next Thursday 15th for six weeks in the West; but if you can't do it by then, Mrs. Grubb will be here.

My wrist, where I wear a watch, is about 7 inches.

Thanking you indeed if you can help,

Yours in Christ,


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November 28, 1960

Dear Isabel,

Thank you so much for your letter and gift to the work.

You ask about this young brother in his tight financial corner. The only solution I know in circumstances like these is for a person to accept the fact that the Living God is in them, living His own life in His own way through them, therefore the debt is His concern not ours. In other words, release it right over on to God and leave it there, and when the birds of unbelief come flying around, keep them off by repeated acts of faith, as Abraham did from the sacrifice. Just let the young man walk right on with God even if it meant to the bankruptcy court. If God wants to walk in him to bankruptcy that is God's business - though I don't think He would probably take him that far. The great point is to release it to God in faith and keep it released to Him.

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It was good to see you again, though only for that moment.

Ever yours,



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January 31, 1961

Dear Dr. Fisher:

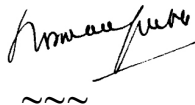
It's a good many years now since you took H.W. Roseveare, Henry deCandole and myself on a Reading Party to Woolacombe in 1913! I personally have vivid memories of it, walking the lanes of Devon with you and discussing theology.

Of course I have followed you with greatest interest in the high calling which has been yours, and have had the photo you then gave me on my mantelpiece to remind me of you. I have often thanked God for your faithful witness to Christ, if I may say so, and of course I was glad of the way you publicly identified yourself with my friend, Billy Graham. I know you also have close contacts with my brother, Kenneth.

So I am just sending this line, among the thousands you will receive, to thank God for you through these years, and to wish you and Mrs. Fisher God's continued blessing in your retirement, which will still be busy enough, I guess.

I have had the privilege of spending these years in the development of pioneer missionary work in many lands in the Mission founded by C.T.Studd. We have 850 workers in forty fields and home bases.

Very sincerely yours,



January 31, 1961

My dear Doug:

I have not written you direct about my hoped for visit to you all May 6 to 8, as John Lewis told me he had kindly done this. I have written Mrs. Oglesby about whether it is convenient for her to have me to stay with her, as of old. It will be great to see you all.

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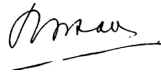
But the immediate point of my writing is my surprise to see in the Weekly Times yesterday the appointment of Donald Coggan to be Archbishop of York. This is something, because you probably know that Coggan was a leading light in the C.I.C.C.U. in Cambridge (I think president) and in I.V.F. affairs for many years, and Mrs. Coggan is still a vice president of I.V.F. It is true, I think, that he has broadened his views somewhat since those days but I have no doubt that he has the roots of the reality of the Gospel in him and that we Evangelicals ought to encourage and stand by him.

I have written him to thank God for his appointment, though I only knew him slightly, and I have told him that, when I come to York in May, I would like to drop in and call on him for a few minutes and pray with him. But I rather think he won't have arrived in York by then.

But I would like to suggest that our York fellowship send him a letter of welcome, when he comes, and of assurance of prayer for his witness and readiness to cooperate in any efforts for the spread of the Gospel in York. I think it would encourage him to know that lovers of Christ in York, outside the Church of England ranks will be with him in spirit, and that even if he would not cross every Biblical T that we would, yet we are near enough together in Christ to be thankful for and to encourage each other.

Warm love to you all,

Ever yours,



PS. Of course Coggan will know of C.T. Studd and the work of the W.E.C.

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April 4, 1961

My dear John:

Many thanks for yours of March 6th. I was away in New England, Harvard, etc., and only just returned.

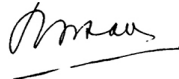
I think I had better leave bookings until we can talk it all over, and see more clearly the Lord's plan. Open doors are continuous. After a dive in the deep South I return with invitations enough to take three or four months to fill. I just don't know how to fit everything in. Already I

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have a late Sept. week in New England, then a Bermuda week in Nov., and then E.L.O. morning speak in early Dec. Then I have to face the promised visit to the South. Now I think I had better leave it till I can tie it all up. Perhaps it will be just one straight month in the West with some of the unfilled invitations from the last time. Then we have to consider what we are to do in preparatory ways for 1963. So glad you are coming to Kilcreggan. Wonderful news. Curiously, I am becoming a lame old man! You know the bother I had for a month with my knee. Never had it so long before. It has gone but has left a permanent condition in the ankle of that foot, something like arthritis, I think. So it is quite a job to walk. So you will soon be pushing me around in a wheel chair!

Love to you and Kathleen,

Ever yours,



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May 23.65

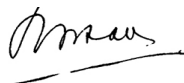
Helen my dear, and Freed, and all you precious ones,

Just back from three weeks in the south. Great times. So many precious ones scattered there like you dear ones. Specially a work of God in Birmingham, Alabama. Had a visit and talk with Governor Wallace, a born-again man, though I don't go with his politics; but Lee and Stonewall Jackson also loved the Lord!!

Next weekend shall be at Faith at Work Conference. Wish some of you were there to meet some of the lovely folk in FAW. Should love you to flow in with them and they with you.

But anyhow, how about seeing you dear ones again??

Hope we can get together. I love you all.



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May 25, 1965

Dearest Salem Secretary:

Our letters have crossed! So you really are rooted in - to bring some life in the Spirit where it is surely needed. God knows where to plant His atom bombs!

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But now on our meeting. I'm afraid Saturday, June 5 is out as I am booked for a house meeting that night. The nearest I could do - and indeed the only one available - would be Saturday, June 19. How about that? Can you hold that open?

Now the question is, what shall we make of this? Will just some of you come over and we have a happy time together, or shall I call in some more of our specials, like Pughs, Butters, etc.? What do you think? In this lovely weather, we can sit out outside our home, and it is lovely. We don't cut our grass because we like everything natural!

How about it? Much love,



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Portland Oregon
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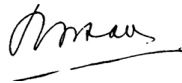
Dearest Helen,

Yours came on to me yesterday from Pauline. So glad we can fix a date. Aug. 28 sounds alright to me, and I will book it down. We probably return from Long Island about 23rd. We will think over later how best to spend our time together - maybe with some of the others. But Pauline and I will also like to be able to "stretch out" with you and Freed and share with you. You have become precious to us!

These have been hectic three weeks, with the ICL conference for a week in Seattle, with all the "big noises". But every morning for four mornings, about 120 came early, and had to come from their various hotels at 7am for an hour on the kind of things we talk about. Tremendous hunger and response, particularly among those who don't yet "know it all" as fixed "fundamentalists". These are great days.

Back home Monday now. Much love, still marvelling at the way we have kind of fallen into each others' laps and hearts!

ever lovingly,



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Norman Percy Grubb

June 10, 1967

Dear Brother Franklin:

Many thanks for your kind invitation for the morning service. I have not answered before as I have been on a month's tour until yesterday.

You offer me a great privilege, and I have shared some of those morning breakfasts with your folks, so you know that people, especially in a larger congregation, don't get my rapid English and poor enunciation too well, so you take a risk for Sunday morning. If you are still led to take it, fine with me; but if not, I shall quite understand, and don't bother to answer, but I can find out when I arrive for the Sunday School.

Ever yours in Christ,



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June 13, 1967

Dear Eric:

Yes, it is a real long time since we last met. I'm always thankful when I look back on your hesitation as to whether God was calling you to stay in N.A.M. or join I.V.F., and you launched out boldly on the new calling and it was surely of God. I shall certainly like another chance of a chat with you when our ways do cross.

It is very interesting that Dr. Beaver has asked you to write this book on the I.V.F. in its relation to "the cause of world missions." If he means by that, as the phrase seems to mean, that you are limited to the contribution of I.V.F. to the missionary work of the world, then I think your terms of reference would be far too narrow, and I wouldn't take it on. I.V.F. is only incidentally a contributor to the world missionary cause. But if he means that I.V.F. itself is a part of "the mission of the church" in its world wide university activities, then it will be grand to have a book out in his series.

I'm certainly ready to help in any way, if you do go forward with this. I'm just making a few preliminary comments!

My love in Christ.

Ever yours,



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July 28, 1967

My dear Graham:

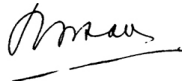
It was good of you to write me and send your circular. It was a blessing to me to read how the Lord had been working with you and among you, and your own living concern for Christ to be "formed" in the Africans' hearts. I do rejoice in the way the Lord has blessed your whole family. We owe so much, under God to your family. Your father, Charles, meant so much to me in Cambridge days when we were so close together, and his room was the kind of center for the red hot prayer meetings. Then the Studd girls, including Pauline, of course, owed so much to the love and kindness of your grandfather and grandmother, Uncle Willie and Aunt Dora.

I always love dropping in for an hour or two to your Father and Mother, and we always have a great time of reminiscing. I'm expecting to be in the northwest again next March and will hope to plan another hop over to Victoria and a visit to them. Lovely if I see you and Judith then also.

So it is to be some new place that God has planned for you. I know you will find it because it is "works before ordained" that we should walk in them.

My love to you and thank you again for writing. Both Pauline and I are well, and we go next month for a vacation to our friend in Long Island. We always enjoy that. We also go to Dan's graduation for his PhD from the University of Michigan. He has really done well and worked hard and gives all the glory to God. We are also so thankful that our granddaughter, Sandie, has come out for Christ lately and we watch to see the Lord doing the same in the others.

Ever affectionately,



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April 13, 1968

My dear Mrs. Schmit:

I'm delighted to get your letter this morning with the additional brochures, and those two lovely pictures. I am grateful for these and shall put them up in my picture gallery. Pauline is delighted and

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interested in them also, especially of the one of you and me, as I was able to remind her of all the links of these past years, and of how, if you hadn't had the grace of God, you might have turned against us even as we neglected you for a period - though that's never been so between you and me! And now to see that that very brush-off from the WEC was God's actual means of pressing you into the Negro ministry, and out of this leapt into being an agency of the Spirit which I believe will become great in the nation and in the world.

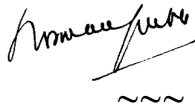
I'm also very glad to hear details of the calling of the Executive Committee and Advisory Board, and especially that there is being such full cooperation with white Christian leaders.

Certainly this new development has a real place in my heart, and I shall be speaking of it with enthusiasm as occasion arises.

I told you that I already had had a session with Bob Walker, the editor of Christian Life Magazine, and I believe he is gearing the next issue to the Negro situation including this new movement of the N.N.E.C. and he asked me to write an article something on these lines, which he says he is rushing through for this next issue. So I hope you will see a copy somewhere.

Warmest and affectionate greetings.

Ever in Christ,



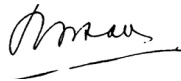
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April 17, 1968

Dear Ralph:

I being a negative person, saw your envelope this morning and felt sure you would be chewing me up about the nine points. So you may be sure I am delighted at your gracious acceptance. As I say, I think the whole "Position Paper" is a tremendous job! You steer beautifully between Scylla and Charybdis! Thank God for the gift of yourself to us.

Ever affectionately,



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P.O.Box "A"
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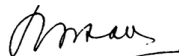
My dear Dan:

Delighted to get yours and very thrilled to hear that you had this friendship with Carey. What a man of God he was. When I was with him at Trinity College, Cambridge, he had a brilliant future. He was either top mathematician (Senior Wrangler as they called it) or nearly so, and he was also captain of Soccer and Tennis. Then he moved on to be a Don at Peter House. No doubt he would have risen to be a president of a college or some other high position, if he had remained in the academic world in England. But God called him to something much higher, in giving him the privilege of being the one to prepare, as well as reveal Christ, to so many who are leaders in your country today, including yourself. Even if some don't profess Christ as you do (was not Tom Mboya one of his pupils), seeds of the Gospel were sown in their hearts and will bear fruit. He had little idea when he responded to the call to the Alliance High School that he was being sent to give a Christian background to the men who would lead this new Nation. I hear somebody is preparing his biography. I tell about my contacts with him in my Memoirs also which are with the publishers now.

Also most interesting that you know Mike Wood, and are in touch with him on the Medical Council. I think I asked you to give him my greetings when you next see him. His wife, Susan, is a niece of my wife, and she was born in the Belgian Congo, where her father and mother, Alfred and Edith Buxton, were out with C.T. Studd as missionaries.

I so enjoy this interchange of letters with you. I'm off this week to the Presidential Prayer Breakfast with Richard Nixon. A thousand of the leaders of the Nation gather each year, Cabinet, Congress, Supreme Court, Heads of the Armed Services, etc., and they have this opportunity of hearing the Gospel and rededicating themselves to the service of the Lord in their responsible positions. Then I go to England for a round of meetings and conferences in the summer months.

Warmly yours in Christ,


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June 7.73

Karen darling,

That's a most precious letter you've written me to-day - quite the best ever. I am greatly moved and blessed as you tell me of the love of Jesus in you for these black children, and the obvious response you get from them. I love it when you tell me that the "holiness" folk etc warn you of the danger of living in this "mixed" neighbourhood, but you know it is Jesus walking in you among these so precious to Him. Thank you for telling me some of what these children are to you and how they respond to you. I like it much about the girl who is "the town bully", yet in her inner heart wishes folk didn't hurt each other. We are in the image of God in our inner center, we are all really forms of God, but Satan has stolen us, but underneath we know who we really should be; and the love of Christ shining in you touched that chord in her.

I note you say you are moving, darling, but you don't say where to when, so I send this to same address. God is teaching you precious lessons - that God is love, not doctrine, and love is between people, and you have been living that love. Bless you.

ever with my love and joy, darling,



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Nov. 1. 74

My dear Bill & Ann,

Not to write you back?! Some hopes. Yours are epistles acc. to B&A, not letters. To some extent you write cryptically rather than just one flow of logic (rather like John cpd to Paul!), but you jump me into light every time. Indeed I have none who writes quite like you, and always tempted to share. Indeed I shall send this letter to two "illuminated" ones.

It isn't that I have much to comment. We just fuse! I know what you mean about the standard "church" level, such as on that Sunday at the Revival Tab, and this running around en masse for some greedy "taking" as at K. Kuhlman's. Yet I feel we all started there and got some good foundations (it was a tremendous shock to me after about

20 years of true-hearted evangelical and Bible-centered zeal to have a William Law put into my hands - and that meant off on an endless voyage on an uncharted sea), yet I'm still glad of my Bible foundations. So I see it as God's perfect will that the average church should not have dived off the deep end as we, or there would be no church fellowships!! In that way I see positively and then attempt to widen the flow, rather than see the negative. I think Jesus did that, except where He met straight hypocrisy. And certainly we shall remain outside the camp for many (most? though they've got to get there someday - Rom.8.29!). It's true my own loved WEC hold off from me and made a mimeo'd sheet of objectives to my heresies, so that I don't plunge in with them on the level we do.

I think "honesty" is seeing the whole but in the light of the present condition being God's perfect will (even though plenty of negative!); then because I love and appreciate, I am also free to explore where called to, but it will be in a love-atmosphere. Criticism is to see and believe in the negative, and thus condemn it, and thus be seeing from a law-condemning viewpoint, instead of seeing and believing that all men are always in God's total mercy and acceptance, but just don't know it, and God means them to thrash about in their confusion until they are ready to be rescued!! But for me to see the negative as if not embedded in the Positive is my beam-seeing, instead of mote-seeing.

I've not had all your involvements in outer fellowship-expressions, as in first 1 1/4 hours at the Tb, so I can enjoy that kind of thing, and think to myself it certainly creates an atmosphere which folks can enjoy like the world likes Go-Go clubs, so why not when it packs them in where they can "hear". And it is the "babes" who "hear". The boys and girls crowded round on Sun. night and asked me to come back!

Of course I agree with you about Faith at Work, yet with some reservations which need to be worked out. Their aim is folks coming together in a love and acceptance atmosphere who are either nominal church folk or drag along unwilling husbands etc. If it was too widely open for all, it would destroy that more intimate atmosphere of being loved as a family, which wins many to committal. Also it would be difficult to assign the Talk-it-over groups. So I do see another side.

I must stop chattering, and haven't even touched these inner radiating depths which flash out when you write and feed me-
"Revealed finders": relax both in and as Christ. Who else talks to me

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like that? The non-entity of evil: total joy: "will have to stay being me"
- yes please do!! And so on.

ever with my love,



Jan.15, 75

Dear WEC Character,

I like WEC Originals, indeed am prone to fall in love with them and make them "specials" - I have a few very much originals, such as Helen Rosveare who had been my "missionary daughter" since she first went to Congo (I was at Public School with her father), Kathleen Smith of P.C. whom I led to the Lord as a teenager, Franny Hays of Kashmir and a few others - and now one in France - an evidently quite a turbulent one - named Christine, and on the love-list! Thank you, dear, for the photo, that helps. No, I had forgotten our exchange of fire at MTC, and evidently I escaped from London HQ in time to avoid further flesh-wounds! But I love you for your spirit in Christ, dear, and you are the one whom I can obviously "tackle" on WEC France. I have now another who first launched by faith to go as an American to MTC as I knew her here and she asked advice - Carole Wuerch, engaged to (Oh my memory for names) a Scot now studying French in Paris - and they will be joining you. I am very fond of Carole who comes and pays me visits here.

How right you are too, dear, in seeing positively, which is seeing GOD ONLY - The Positive - in whom is only Yea and Amen! I tackle that again in my new small book, WHO AM I? I'll have to load a copy of that on you after the autobiography, which I will send. But the last part of the Autobio got me into trouble (but I live in that - doubtless like you!) with some Weccers and others outside as I talk about "the Third Crisis", and I take it farther in this new one. But the key is to see God only thru evil as well as good, because He determines all (not permits it) - But enough for the moment. See Acts 2.23 & 4.28. etc. Then you are seeing Him in His goodness in all - which fits your very pertinent question (you are a character) on the Daily Bread!

I still think that if a couple gives themselves to God in and thru WEC for a field, they cannot alter that call to home end to fit their

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calling into their children rather than their children into their calling, and then be aggrieved if WEC has not a home-base niche for them to fill. But I admit you escape as a non-mother in the flesh, but mighty well are a mother to precious souls in the Spirit. And anyhow how came it that no young man in former years had his eyes open?? I take it God did not mean it so, and had a better calling for you!

Of course you only can speak on Pentes in France; but worldwide it is without doubt the greatest movement of the Spirit in our era, with far, far greater good fruit than bad; but alas, we non-Pente evangelicals are congenitally negative, and maybe for self-defence (or secret conviction) pick every hole in the Pentes, far quicker than we thankfully glorify God in them. It is always-God blesses them, but and the butts are far bigger than the blessing! Thank God WEC is quite a good way loosened from that. I find far more immediate heart and mind (Charismatic) than among my very suspicious Bible friends. Was yesterday with a Father---- Episc High church "Priest", and about 30 of his flock. How he entered in to my 1 1/2 hrs, and then prayed at the end "in the name of...." then followed with the simplest prayer right along with my talk! But enough, I like talking with you, dear, it's fun, because light and love flows. Let's have some more.

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March 25.75

My beloved Ray & Marian,

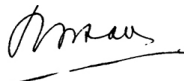
What a wonderful letter from you, Ray. I don't wonder you were thrilled in John and Linda being with you; they are just a mighty inspiration to me - the whole family whom I call my Louisville Sparks, for they have daringly leapt on in the Spirit and kind of drag me along with them. I love it and love them, and am looking forward to our further two days in April.

But the still more wonderful thing to me is that God has you apart from all of us where you are now, and you can't catch on with us in the human inspiration of our gettings together; yet, Ray, none say more completely and perfectly in a few words all the secret which is ours

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together what you say again in this letter. It just proves we are all "being taught of God", whether we have the human fellowship or not. You just "hit it" when you speak of saying God is in control, and say it though "dangerous" or not, "because that is the leap of faith which has landed you and us just where we really are" by all the revelation of the Spirit and the Scriptures - in Wholeness of union, one with The Other, God and we, and His business now to be keeping us, not we holding on to Him; and that being kept and knowing it and being free in it, frees us now from our self-fussings to "be able to enter into other's needs instead of being busy feeding on God as our living bread; that is a glorious spontaneous given fact, and we now move on to "be co-bread with Him for others to eat on us and find Him!" I just love you saying more and more you see Him and Him only, and all else delusion and void (for all which isn't the God of self-giving love expressed by our common humanity is non-life-death) and so Paul says all these world interests which we call life are death (non-life) all the time - 1Timothy. 5:6! Yes, you have really "got it" and been "caught" - and what a thrill. And there are more and more who have taken or been taken the ways of this ultimate leap. Glorious!

Ever with my love and thrill,

  
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Aug. 12.76

Joan my dear,

Glad to hear from you. It's always good to be able to share our hearts together. Yes, dear, I will love to see you and Ann when I come west, but as things are at present and not wanting to be away from Pauline for too long at a time, I see no likelihood of coming before the Fall of 77; but I'll surely note it down to be in touch with you when I do come.

Glad you like UNION LIFE, dear. You will find the message goes on to the outcomes of spontaneous living, and functioning as sons ("gods"- John 10.34, 35). Many have the first experience of the union-life, but thru not really knowing who they are as a consequence, move back to lots of law and duty-obedience, and instructing others on that level. So

the Magazine has a long-term purpose, not just the first essential crisis-recognition.

Yes, love, GOD gives the insights when He has us conditioned for them, so you are right just to rejoice in what is real to you of yourself being Christ in your Joan form.

And fancy you being kind of constrained to introduce the books to stores. I have never felt led to push the books, nor do CLC, but leave it to one or another who "get something" to recommend to others. Actually bookstores don't stock them much because they are not the kind of books that have sales-appeal. But glad you are doing this, dear.

As to your Colossians 2.11 question, the body is beautiful of course, God's holy temple, and so with all our human equipment of appetites, abilities, emotions etc. They are God's only means of Self-manifestation. It's putting off the body as agents for "the sins of the flesh" which Paul speaks of, under the symbol of circumcision, meaning our bodies and flesh faculties and appetites being cut off in Christ's death from being owned and managed by that "spirit of error" who made us expressions of his lusts (John 8.44): so now our bodies are freed to be the temples of the Holy Spirit. Being in this flesh-oriented world, we are always open to enticements thru our flesh, and sometimes slip momentarily into response to them; but they never again possess or have dominion over us. So we are "not in the flesh" in the sense of under its old lusting dominion, but are in the flesh (usually spoken of as "members of Christ") for His Self-manifestation thru us.

Yes, dear, you are right about your precious daughter. Her problem is not really her weight, but her pride, and dislike for putting on weight. She is fighting the wrong battle if trying to fight the weight-increase, and looking in the wrong direction. As Christ's now let her be continually thankful that He has 'found' her and is precious to her; and let her be free at this time in eating as she feels need. I expect part is the reaction from deliverance from the drug; and as she relaxes back in Christ, and is free, and leaves it to Him to gradually control the appetite, He will do that.

And, love, surely you will feel the mother-hurt, haven't I; but we know that hurts are our human reactions of soul, but we continually replace them with the spirit of faith, as you dears tell me you are for my son too.

I still hope you will meet Mary. She is a brave little soul in Christ, gone thru great depths, but walked on the waters with Jesus, and not

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sunk into them. You would help each other. Try again and tell her I say you must meet! (She is like a daughter to me!)

ever with my love, dear one and to Ann,



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Aug.2.77

Karen darling, and David with you,

I'm writing this on my 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday by human count, though of course we are already ageless in eternal life in fact!

You say good things and true, darling - in this beautiful handwriting of yours!!

The other way of confronting "principalities and powers" is by seeing our only real enemy is within ourselves by the way we see things (and thus are believing in them). You are right in saying "denying self" is to deny the way self reacts, and that is first by the way we see things, for that negative seeing by our illusory self (now crucified in Christ) is really the enemy who took hold in the fall inwardly; and now he only takes hold by deceiving us in responding as if we are independent human selves and seeing as selves.

So life is very simple, darling. You are right in saying it is choice of will (not soul-emotions or reasons); but when we have settled into a choice, it settles into us (for that choosing is only another word for faith); so we don't keep willing, for it becomes spontaneous - then life becomes "being". And don't look on our first necessary negative reactions which we must always have (as Jesus did, for that is the meaning of temptation) as though they were hindrances and getting in God's way or something. No, they are HIS negative stepping stones or necessary background to the positive. Light is only known by swallowing up darkness etc. And even so for sins. God means you, darling, to be caught up in flesh, as you and David were; it is now the strong background to your establishment in spirit, and in settling you once and for all in right sex, which frees you to express love to others (you have been somewhat bound in that) because you are now settled in God's right-given limits to sex in the preciousness of matehood (symbol of Him and the church), yet equally releasing you not to be fearful of

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expressing love to others, because your limits are settled. So accept our first negative reactions to things as the only right way into replacing by the positive. That's how Satan is God's convenient agent!!

But I love you saying "Christ is our true self", darling. I've not heard you say that before, and that is the real settlement into who we are. That is going beyond the vessel and The One in it to being That One ourselves- vessel and all in a unity of BEING. And I love you no longer having "fear" of being bugged by contrary Scriptures. You see that written word can be bondage until it is dissolved and resurrected in us as living Word, where the words have become spirit, precisely as Jesus said - John 6.63. That is beautiful and the best evidence to me that you have not only seen but become, for only perfect love casts out fear, and perfect love is The New Being - one!

And my darling, you are given David still for your next stage of outreach - where, having found yourself as really He, you now steadily practice seeing David as ONLY HIM, perfect, and not seeing the intervening wriggings, but watching how God is dissolving them!

So, delighted with yours, darling, and hoping we may soon be able to meet sometime - and you'll even be liberated to call me more than "Dear Mr. G."!!!

I love you, darling, and know you love me, and David too.



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Tallahassee
Ap.29

Claire darling,

That was a lovely time, especially our own times of "give & take" on our "total truth". I loved your searchings into it, and the way the Spirit leads you to His own settlement in you of Christ as you! You are one, as I was and hopefully still am, who must have my solid "reasons for the hope that is in me", to the point where I have made my leap beyond reason, and the inner consciousness of what Kierkegaard said - "the truth that edifies is truth for me". So thank you, darling, and Spike, for having us and you giving me your own special room and work-room, and all your loving care. The Lord took me to the edge of that old bronchial thing, but I was in His health, and after skirting the edge, up

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I began to come and have continued. The other times were so good too, that morning meeting, & the evening with that little group who really do know and bear a bold witness and the kindness of the Rector to give us a welcome to the church and that good hour of fellowship.

Thank you for everything, darling, and ever loving you.



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Aug.24.80

Karen dearest,

How good to hear from you again, and share in the ways the Lord has been taking you.

You evidently saw distressing things in Mexico, but you and I know that it is always GOD using Satan to prepare people to receive the Gospel. He often has to destroy false nominal forms of "Christianity" to make room for the real. There are far more real believers in Russia to-day than in the days of the Czars and Russian Orthodox. The same with Communism and the Roman church, and as you say, there are so many hungry seekers in Mexico. And look at Afghanistan. Not a whisper of a Christian witness was allowed in that tight Moslem stronghold. Now it is being broken up by Russia, and many Afghans are finding Christ. And we are all hearing of the wonderful workings of the Spirit in China to-day, and the same with many coming to Christ out of the oppressive Khomeini regime in Iran. So the devil is always God's convenient agent! Praise! I don't see evil except as the negative background to condition men to seek God. It's marvellously true all over the world today - including this country!

And where there is persecution, that is also glory isn't it then, as the persecuted see it as the way God reveals His love for his enemies by their response.

So looking to see you, darling, and David and the children, and just good to know how HE HAS KEPT His hand on you.

Loving you as always,



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Dec.27.80

Helen darling,

It is wonderful to get your detailed news letter, but, love, you had already sent us your loving greetings and a \$50 gift on Dec.1! That was lovely of you, so I'm sending back this further one!! Thank you both for every thought of love. And with that the amazing detailed account of your outstretchings!! Beyond human belief, and that's just why it's a fact- it has been the faith of God in you two precious ones. MARVELOUS as I run thru what you say.

So ALTOGETHER PRAISE, LOVE BOTH OF YOU. I probably sent you this little newsletter I put out, but it won't hurt repeating - among the mass you receive.

It's all out of this world, because it IS out of this world!!

I love you,



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Bulstrode

July 17.81

My dear Samuel,

I am off back to USA on Monday midday. I carry with me so much that the Lord gave us together those days. I had not seen so clearly how the Lord has set you, as it were by yourself, these years to preserve the one revelation of intercession, to be untouched by nothing else, until the time for a wider outspread had come. And I saw how the intervening years had made room for the Spirit's emphasis to pass on from the one to whom He gave the revelation and principles to the principles of the revelation, and this is the new door thru the new book.

One other thing comes to me which I thought I would like to mention to you, for the Lord's leading. It is obvious to me that the Lord from those early days made His link between the College and us in WEC/CLC. It goes back to the "strange" guidance to Mr. Howells to come and visit me in Keswick and then my coming here and instantly recognizing on our first walk that here was the Spirit

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speaking to me in a new way. Then I found how Mr. Howells had long recognized CT Studd as one who had paid and was paying the full price of the intercessor and he would surely “gain” the intercession which is surely happening, as usual after his death as a “failure”! Then I began to see how Mr. Howells would constantly say that the Lord would only let CTS be succeeded by one who was walking the same way and I think I may say he saw it was I long before I saw it myself.

And then the new phase started in which the two men thru whom God spread the work worldwide in WEC/CLC, were Alfred Ruscoe and I. We know that though we got our foundations thru CTS, there would have been no superstructure or building but for what God taught and gave us thru Mr. Howells, though WEC-CLC have not yet really realised that.

But then there was also to be training of our new recruits, and CTS urged us to get them from Emmanuel and the Bible College. We got good folks thru Emmanuel but here again the lasting revelation is the Intercession thru the Bible College.

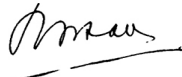
And we are now at a time when the full teaching and understanding and living of intercession is being revived among us. I fully see it as the full message of our “Union Life”, which must start at the chapter on the Holy Spirit in the RH Life, but then goes on to the full life of intercession, our folks in Union Life are getting this and many have some understanding, and are fully prepared as I bring this still more strongly to them. But WEC also, praise God, at least many of the older ones live the life of intercession, and could come to a fuller understanding.

So I had boldly wondered whether, as you already have foreign students, there might be any possibility by which WEC could look on the College as its place for training, and where the students could also get “intercession”. I find a great lack in present recruits and new workers to see the full call and meaning of intercession, and quite easily turn back in the day of battle. I had wondered therefore whether without any change in the College at present, with the intercession teaching and living going on as before, there might be some link for WEC with the College both for British and foreign candidates. Right back to what CT said to us these years back about getting our recruits from the College. It just seems obvious that the

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Spirit has linked us these years so that really WEC-CLC is as much an outbirth of the College and Rees Howells as of CT Studd.

Much love, joy and praise,

  
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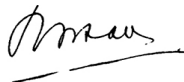
Helen & Freda dearest,

Your loving card has just come on to me from Sandie. Thank you so much, dear, and I continue thrilled with God's original ways with you which amazes everybody, rather like folks were amazed at Jesus!

I am on the go traveling. We are having great times everywhere and constant evidence of the Spirit opening eyes. Had six sessions in two days this week at Howard Payne Univ., a Baptist Univ. and great response from the students, nearly all men. Then also great times at what I believe to be the Spirit's new day and way of "NT churches." WE had two days with about 150-200 in a simple hall in Texas, nearly all young married, singing their hearts out led by about six with guitars, for an hour in praise and worship, and then settling down to an hour or more from me - and coming back for three such sessions. I see this to be the new wine in new wineskins of to-day. And one of the leaders of this type "house-church" movement in Britain is so caught on with us our UL truth that he is coming to spend time with us over here and get around among us in the Spring. He realizes these need this truth.

So thank you, dear ones, and what a thrill this life is. I like this kind of "religion"!!!

Just loving you,


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Sierra Vista  
Arizona  
Nov. 10 - 1983

Dear Nan Murdoch:

What a good letter from you, but it caught me just as I started a three months tour over to the West Coast and I'm still on that till December, so I've had to let letters pile up - but here is a line.

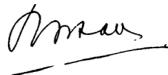
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Thank you, my dear, for all you share, and of our former living contacts. But actually the best news is the last that Evan has lent you YES I AM. You see, my dear, you ARE THROUGH in the fact that when Satan expressed his nature by you in your unsaved days, now by the body-death of Jesus, Satan is out for keeps and Christ is in - fixed. Satan gets at us by outer temptation, but those are only external scratches, and NEVER TAKE CONDEMNATION for those (Rom. 8:1), for Jesus was perfectly tempted, but that's not sin ! Then as you accept the right of Satan to get at you as we are in his world, we are then free to say we've "died" to him, and we recognise ourselves as Christ in us as us, and we turn the negative temptations into positive channels for love in place of hate, faith in place of fear etc - so temptations are assets. (James 1!). And also we now discover our human selves were never either bad or good, but with no nature of their own, express the deity nature; and so we get back our precious selves which God created as His means of expression. We've changed vines of which we were and now are branches (Branches have no nature of their own!) Rom. 6:21,22!

So Rise up, dear one, affirm who you ARE, out of Rom.7, permanently in Rom. 8, and as you confess with your mouth you live in Gal. 2:20, the Spirit will confirm to you that you are now He in your form, where you formerly were Satan. Then a walking Satan, now a walking Christ. Read this over carefully in YES I AM and you will see this more thoroughly explained. Then write me again, and please give my love to Evan and Jenny, and so glad they lent you the book.

No, you don't remain hungry. Read John 6:35. HE in you as you is completion!!

Lovingly and write again,



Jacob Boehme and William Law are foundations to me. C.S Lewis loved your MacDonald. No dear, no journey is uphill. Only looks like that to negative believing. SEE that God means all that comes to you which might appear from Satan, then praise, rejoice and name what you want God to do!

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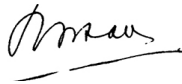

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Dec.31.85

Dear Marcus,

Sandie has just brought me your envelope full of such loving surprises. Thank you so much and it is such a big gift. I am grateful. I have one or two "specials" I like to help when the Lord provides - one of our women missionaries I led to the Lord 40 yrs ago as a girl, and now lived her life in supposedly Russian controlled Guinea Bissau in West Africa, yet actually we are the only mission group there and with national churches. The "authorities" favour us and come and buy Russian Bibles from us! Then the other is the only witness in the mountains of Kashmir whom I led to the Lord (an Indian) when an officer in the Indian Army 30 years ago, and he has given his life to forming and ministering to small groups of believers in the mountains. So I can help these two and also be so thankful for this help from the Lord for ourselves.

ever lovingly,



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Jan. 19.86

My darling,

The BEAUTIFUL STRATOLOUNGER chair has arrived, and Sandie installed yesterday. Darling, it is beautiful and so dangerously comfortable that I started yesterday morn and found myself asleep till midday, and then the same in the eve! This little trick by which you don't pull levers but it just leans back and the leg rest shoots out is fascination and so easy. Thank you, thank you, my darling, for such a gift. The blue colour is lovely. I thought we ought to have a cloth on it to save it fading or being worn, but Sandie won't allow that. So here it is a product of your loving heart and I know whose expression that is! It is overwhelming, together with the TV. I've been enjoying some of those nature pictures on our Channel 12, and then it (or rather on Ch 29, not available on my former TV) those two eves on that black woman Moses rescuing 3000 slaves in slavery days. Tremendous and all her bold open appeal to GOD as her helper! Then I also love clever detective,

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and my favourite, Columbo, has just come back two nights, our modern Sherlock and I drank it in! So thank you, darling!



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June 28.87

Dear Mary Alice,

So glad you are ordering some of the books. The life of CT Studd has had a tremendous impact on hundreds. I joined him in 1920 in the Congo and was myself on fire for God and had just come from Cambridge where God used me to found the InterVarsity Fellowship, which to-day has spread to hundreds of Colleges throughout the world.

But when I joined "CT" and with Pauline was beginning our ministry to our black brethren, I sensed in CT a greater depth and indeed completeness of liberation in his own life and his one objective which he named as seeing "Jesus Christ running about inside black bodies" - not just coming to them as Saviour and Lord, but taking over so completely that it would be He expressing Himself in and as them! That is what set Pauline and me seeking for what Paul said he travailed for the Galatians to have - "Christ FORMED in them" - Gal.4:19, which was a big stride on from just having a saved relationship with Him. Pauline and I sought and found after further digging into the full meaning of Paul's own search beyond his Rom5, first step of "justification", to his "total" of Christ in him as him in Rom.6-8.

Indeed I am so glad you will or have sent for our Mag, as it concentrates on this what Paul had called "mystery of the gospel", as being the stage beyond the first step into Christ which he spoke of in Col.1:23; but he went on to say that to "fulfill the word", meaning that the first was only the first step, he then went on to his "Christ in you, and we complete in Him" of 26 - 29, which so changed my life and brought me to understand and enter into that obviously more total experience I saw in CT and he was bringing to the Africans!

As I think I told you I spend most time now at my typewriter, as I walk pretty slowly, but love sharing in our fellowship weekends, when various ones kindly pick me up and drive me to them.

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So I enjoy sharing with you, my dear, and hearing of the Spirit's movings in both churches.

ever with my love in Christ,



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Aug.28.87

My darling,

What a master-letter again as usual, you are (to use our African term) Mama Spirit-philosopher and strategist among us. How I wish we could have more in our little patch of the Garden of Eden by those beautiful rising-up little baby trees, everyone different and evergreen. Kierk rightly says true life is "Repetition" - the same always new, like a marriage each always new to each other. The false is running after a new mate! The "pure in heart" (By Jesus-grace) always "see God"!

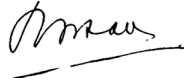
But darling I greatly appreciate your "seeings" of God's purpose thru us all with the "revelation" entrusted to us. It is you who brought out that we are meant to be outwardly loosely scattered to allow the Spirit His variety of expression. I've just been reading this PILGRIM CHURCH book, full of massive detail, about the Spirit coming thru all scattered types thru the centuries, arising again and again thru bloody persecutions and blotting-outs, but always scattered and free; and how the greatest, like Luther, went to the forming of the Lutheran Church which became as persecution-minded as the Catholics. There even Luther slipped. And you are saying to us, "Don't slip into outer conformity". I have no question about our co-knowing of our truth in oneness I see that if we really see each other as only Christ as us, including those areas of each of us which can raise questions, then really we flow together. But here is your warning signal. Don't force any outer fusings. That's where even Luther went wrong and the whole gist of the book really is the maintaining of that New Testament Liberty of fellowship without outer organizations.

So thank you, thank you, my darling, for such a letter and our [reading] James together. What I also got is how each contributes the Spirit to each other in such free Bible sharing. I surely got much light from my DeeDee, and we together on a new James and I love your pet part of it the "make you perfect, wanting nothing" and the meaning of

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that crown of life thru trials. Thank you, darling. How I loved loved our days and that you dragged out of me our co-Bible-sharing under our green trees.

Loving loving you my darling,



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Feb.11, 1987

My dear Sara & Charlie,

What a good surprise to get this from you. Forget you? Memory does slip at my 91 age, but NOT THAT FAR!

I have had this hospital trip and now back home but still 'kept upstairs' though able to get to the typewriter. So I enclose a long-winded letter of news, but really the main part of it is what I call my "fiddle with one string" on who we REALLY ARE, as Christ in our forms, which I've been sharing all these years as you well know, and yourself know the secret and reality of our precious inner union. I have lined those parts of the letter in red!

ever with my much love and so enjoy hearing from you and love to Charlie.



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June 22.88

My loved Marc,

What a letter in your "hectic" medical life, and yet you squeeze in big draughts of that GOLDEN List you mention to me. How we have travelled the same path.

At present I get "swallowed up" by doses of Meister Eckhart, another glorious 'total'. So thank you so much for this refreshing touch en route. I am quite slowed up now in getting around with my arthritic leg, so my typewriter with all its messy typing is my outlet, and most letters turn into epistles.

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We are having greatly increased numbers at our Fellowship Weekends to which various of our folks drive me and I can do some sharing. It seems that what I call our E=MC in its simplicity of truth is much more easily turning on the light in folks.

So on we go. I wrote these things on "Suffering" and had not expected so much response, seems to reach people and one friend reprinted 100 for his own use and sent me another 100 for mine. So I enclose!

Just loving it whenever a meeting is possible. I'm a real "crawler" now, but hopefully still clear north of the neck.

ever with my love and great joy on our bonds in Christ.



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Dec.5.88

My dear June and John,

Just re-reading yours, June dear. I don't know if I have ever had in one letter of such tiny but legible writing (which is why I have to type- Mr. Illegible!) such a MAGNIFICENT comprehensive presentation of the core-center of what I call our TOTAL put in one personal letter. GLORIOUS, my dear, and obviously with John's backing. Yet I've never met you, and indeed in my wobbly 93 yr. old memory not at the moment even remembering your full name!! But really, my dear, you've left me very little to say- all PRAISE, because with my outer man very much "perishing", at least up from the neck still is hopefully "being renewed day by day"!! But what you have really done for me is to relieve me from turning this letter into the kind of "epistle" I turn most letters into, because when I can't meet with loved ones face to face, I turn to my typewriter, and like Paul when he, as Paul would, called his Nero imprisonment being "The prisoner of THE Lord", that cell became the glory of the NT all our centuries in his epistles! So I'm in good company, and of course this glorious fact about Paul entirely bears out what you write of desperately hurtful circumstances to us, as we gradually get trained and settled in James 1:1-3 to be just the necessary dark background which the light must have to do its shining thru our glorious "dialectic" (I'm a Kierkegaard fan, and love love what nearly all

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smear him with - his "existentialism" is our PERFECTION); because he so rightly said "Subjectivity is truth", while objectivity is the evidence of that normal escapism and superficiality of us body-members of Christ, concentrating on things happening, to escape my basic inner questioning as to why they happened, and what my contribution to them is from my inner center (which of course is all my real 'me') and thus where you - I and all who know the subjectivity-existential truth continually are moving us healthily and necessarily in this dimension thru our 2 Cor.4.7-10 personal dying--risings, and our intercessory same-operations for others in 10 - 12!

So my dear, and both of you, this is just a letter of great rejoicing in finding our true, true alike-seeing, (yours totally gives you away!!) and all I have to say ALL GLORY.

The enclosed will then include much I would say to most to whom I write...who will only on this level plunge deeper into that "normal" victorious life teaching which brings you to the edge but NOT OVER THE TOP.

All love,



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June 29.89

My dear ones, Paul and Greta,

How loving of you to send us such a love-note and including this loving gift. Thank you so much. How precious our bonds have been these years - since Hawaii? I have loved it every time you've welcomed us to stay with you and usually gather a few friends. Yes, yes our precious liberating truth is lit up to us - that we ACTUALLY ARE permanent containers of Christ Himself living in us as us, and all required of us our WALK OF FAITH; and our trials are only sent us to give us good James 1:1-3 practice in persisting and often returning to our faith-stand against all appearances! Thank you, dear ones, both for this letter and for all our links together - including the famous Thanksgiving Day with all the family - never seen anything like that before!!

I am beginning a little travel again, and seems as if strength has returned. When I went to the Dr, he said "Heart ok, lungs rotten", but

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was too tactful to comment on "mind" - so on I go with my typewriter - and Paul was at his greatest when "a prisoner of the Lord" in Nero's jail, and then wrote his epistles!!

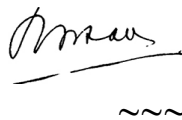
So loving and thanking you and rejoicing in our bonds of fellowship,  
Lovingly,



Dear Bus and Marge,

You insult me, despising my beautiful handwriting, and my typing is not much better! But so glad to hear from you, were wondering where you are. I see settled down in Albuquerque, city I haven't visited. So glad you have this ministry. They are blessed to have you, because you have depths in the Spirit, I daringly think probably more than your boss - because few ministers know the deeper things! Received the book of poems. They really bring readers thru to God which is the great thing. I am writing again, short MS, I'm a fiddle with one tune, perhaps twanging a few new strings! Then I keep touring plenty. Pauline goes on steadily, not strong but strong in the Lord. Pris a great help and really looks after us. Dan is a prof and good witness. Fancy your son taking those students to Oxford. Bad taste! Cambridge is the place! Glad they do well. God blessing much in WEC these days and CLC.

Loving you as ever,



Oct. 1

My dear Mark,

Fancy you in your busy life having the love and care to 'abuse' me on the walking-stick question! Just like you, and I love you for your care of me. WE listened and learned on the seat-belt thing, and now the stick. I am still hanging fire, and haven't used it yet, but I know I do stumble around and will get to it. I think it is the nuisance of having to get it out

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of the car when getting walking. But you are a good putter of a finger on the spot!

Thank you again for all your love,



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Jan.6.90

Cristina my dear,

What a good surprise to get this from you! I think you will recognize that somehow I always had a special interest in you in early France days, the real reason being that I have always been alive to any new WECCER shewing to me special signs of spirit-life, and I was always concerned about the kind of "ploddingness" of you faithful early France-Weccers but which seemed to get almost nowhere. Very different these days, all praise.

But somehow that meant that we two got out of touch and I didn't think you wanted further special touch. So this makes your present letter especially good. Thank you dear and surely keep me in touch.

So I send you what I have been sending loved ones round Xmas if you will have patience to read thru. The first section is personal news and the Lord's special but always perfect love-ways with particularly Sandy and me. The red-lined part is my real heart touch with my Gal.2.20 ever more living and new insights. I have sent round to WEC leaders and asked them to read with folks.

All love and all praise and wish I could now meet you. My travel days are over, but life is eternal! Excuse old age typings.



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Mch 17

Rhonda my dear,

Good letter from you. Seems the Lord has really been clarifying for you. You have the "opposites" well in focus now, and no in-between, and that was good you sharing boldly in the Evang explosion. It is a healthy sign that what you are saying is troubling fellow-believers. And



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thinking we are a "cult" - Yes we are! "THE SECT OF THE NAZERENES"!! But until they are disturbed, they can't see the difference between self-effort and the real Christ-as-you reality. As you did, we only learn by our Rom.7 "trying", and then the light flashes on out of the dark and we "see" Christ as us, way beyond in us. Then I'm glad of that growing maturity by which you now mingle again with your fellow church-believers, and the Lord will open your mouth at the right times. It is GREAT when the Spirit has sorted out for us the rightness of the human self, and all the badness or goodness being The One in me as me. Then I can accept and love ALL.

Yes, I would agree with you, and it is not digging back into past relationships and their supposed effects on us, but just BEING as He, and He will give any reminder, if needed!

Loving you and always glad to hear from you,



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June 22

Rhonda my dear,

Thank you for yours. Ok, there is "process". Light that "shineth more and more unto the perfect day". But we don't concentrate or even really notice growing. We live as "perfect now", BEING, and simply confronting the negatives, trials, pressures, as "sufferings" we accept, as Jesus did the cross: then as we accept, we find the resurrection there and others see it in our body form (2 Cor.4:7-12). Be a BE-ER rather than BECOMER! "Hath perfected forever them that are sanctified" etc etc!

As to tithing, you have it right. Babyhood may start by regular "law for" tithing and have its answers, as you had. Maturity is not a thing called tithing, but ourselves, as He, are the tithe, and it takes practical form AS HE AS US leads us this way or that. I tell folks when you have the Giving Spirit, as we have, keep all you can because HE will get out of you what is HIS outpouring to the world of need by you! I liked you paying your tax with your tithe!!

ever with my love and always glad to hear,



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July 11

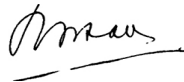
My dear Harry & Joyce,

What a thrill to have this from you, my first news since your move. What an anchor you were for us in our Western travels. Sandie and I always said, "Well, anyhow we have our stop in Butte" and you always gave us such a welcome. It did not matter to us whether there were others or not, it was with you two that we had the good times. You see there are very few pastors who welcome us. So it is a great joy we have these bonds and continuings.

Once we are "caught", we are caught, and no stopping, and thank God there are increasing numbers of "caught ones" spread thru this nation and on thru Britain. I see a million by faith, until that final day when "the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea"! And we have a great privilege in being pioneers.

How thankful again I am, Harry, for your loving welcome to us all these years & Joyce always along too.

Lovingly,



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July 13

Jack and Alice dearest,

Janie has just sent me your loving gift, As I always have to say- amazing to me, such love and such giving, kind of piled on top of yourselves and your home given to me and to so many of us all these years - and now "in the evening time, it is "STILL LIGHT". How GREAT when by grace we heard The Voice in our younger days and "obeyed, going out not knowing whither we went", but now in the evening times, what joy and thankfulness and consciousness that the same God who told Abraham to leave and follow has proved His faithfulness to Abram and "all families of the earth" thru him and his faith, so we SAY THE SAME.

I noted how that rising tennis spark last year, Agassi, refused to come to Wimbledon this year. He had mentioned-boldly last year that he has a living faith, and now this time he said right out, I've weighed it all up, and to give myself to tennis-fame ISN'T WORTH IT! What a glory

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statement, gain the world - lose your soul. He - we - lost the world as our treasure, and have gained what now at the end of our days we say is ALL GLORY AND ALL WORTH IT!!

So thank you, dear ones and hopefully seeing you soon.



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Aug.15

Rhonda dear,

Thank you for another sharing. I can always do with plenty - of that!

Yes, love, you are being settled by the only possible way which the Bible calls "suffering" (as in 1 Pet.5:10). Sufferings of whatever kind, such as your "good" list last week with the car etc, force us, when we are people of the Spirit as you are, to feel the negative impacts, just as we "feel" darkness in a room. But when we who know, recognise that darkness as 'meant' by Him, (tho coming thru the Satan-one who has brought all the disturbances into the world for our benefit - though he didn't think so!). Sometimes in a sharp test we do not quickly recognise and accept the dark but tend to fight and resist it, which of course is Satan's good way of pulling us back to the lie of Independent self, and then he has got us and the law grabs us. But then we recognise and accept, and then are free to say, "That's all Satan-stuff getting at my soul-body, but I am CHRIST AS ME". And then the light swallows up darkness, and we need the darkness to give us constant practice in turning on the light! And we get into practice for ourselves, then we begin to be involved in other folks constant darknesses and shew them that "way of escape". That's what we are here for!

No, I don't like your word "Let the Spirit control". That really means a descent to an indep self who thinks he can and must "let". No the Spirit is always in control, and when we don't appear to recognise it, then that is He giving us some good negative practice!

But you are getting beautifully settled, love, and the more the glory of the reality of who you are lights up in you, the more you get "driven" with the one obsession of passing your light to others - in this whole world of need.

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And the same with your husband. You are right, dear, our final 'hurdle' is getting the habit of seeing the positive in our brother (your husband), through some area which appears negative to you shows up in him. While you keep seeing him as Christ, then you can use your private word of faith for change where needed; or even on occasions, but only surely in the liberty and appreciation of the Spirit, can talk a point over. Our negs are really God's soil for planting and producing His good crop of Himself as us!

Write me again, love, I like to hear,

Lovingly,



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Sept. 1.

My dear Wallace,

What a letter, and thank you so much for the privilege of such sharing. I had the vague sense that things were much as you say, but you fill in details.

I think the main issue will always be in a company of God's people - the subjective-objective. Kierkegaard (my favourite) says "Subjectivity is truth" and poured scorn on centering around externals as an excuse for not asking 'What is my inner relationship to things?' What he rightly called "Existentialism" which has been twisted into a dirty word by atheistic philosophers like Heidegger & Jean Paul Sartre, but really rightly means looking within to our personal God-relationship for answers in each situation.

I think that is why Abram gave me such welcome; he always sensed the need of the move of the Spirit in folk. The same with our loved Marian so we always had open channels with them and of course I have always sensed that with you. Doug is great, but is more the objective, instanced by these men he sends over who can only talk of fellowship with no living God-relationship in the center of their witness, and you rightly concerned about that. I have just the same with my WEC for the most part, much more running after "church planting" instead of "Christ-planting" and I am always getting at them about it. Have just sent that article "NO INDEPENDENT SELF" round all the 600 Weccers in

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action with a personal note to each. But I am some what suspect, like you!

Again I sense from what you write that your great gift of God is the person to person. I love your sharings of your depth concerns and ministry with various ones, and the way they cling to you and stand by you like Caldecote. I can see the stream of the Spirit has been flowing that way with you, but is not outwardly showy, kind of Breakfastwise etc.

But I am also sorry if you hold back from public speaking and teaching. To me you obviously also have a great gift of public speaking. I wish you could respond to such invitations as for those training sessions on the points you stress, because that is precisely what is needed.

Yes, I find this "spoken word of faith" my real way and I must say I see the Spirit at work in lives and from my point of view the uprising of younger men and couples who really have had their inner eyes opened to their being no independent "me" but only formerly Satan-I, and now thru Calvary Christ-I. Strong meat I realize.

That will be good about Oct. 11 and the group, and the Spirit will give light. I'm not coming at present or I would surely not miss seeing you. And thank God, we each go RIGHT ON just as WHO WE ARE, each of us Christ in our commissions, ways and situations, and equally as you say, thankfully seeing HIM in each of our functioning brethren. Great liberty.

Ever with my much love. Bob and Evelyn Lock always saw you a blessed speaker.

  
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Louisville
Sept. 10

My dear Bus & Marge,

John and Linda have let me see your kind letter to them, Marge, enclosing a copy letter from Bill Wilson [*founder of Alcoholics Anonymous*] and quoting from Dave Hunt [*author*]. Thank you for your loyal and loving words to them.

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I think the simplest way to write Bill Wilson is to send by you, as my little machine won't take a good copy. Then will you kindly send on to Bill in my famous perfect typing!!!

Then also kindly enclose this thing by me on No Independent Self, as I think that pretty well covers my weird heresies!!!

Then there is also a very fine set of answers that Glen Davis of Mobile has given to a Radio Broadcaster raising questions about me as a sort of Buddhist or pantheist etc! I'm asking Glen to send you a copy, and may I trouble you to send on to Bill. But I thought I would like to see all the correspondence first, as you folks are so mixed up with it.

So we'll laugh and praise our way thru all, and am thankful to have these things I can send which saves writing him more. But I appreciate his brotherly attitude.

Love as ever,



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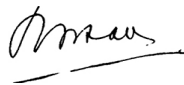
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Dear Joyce,

I've now only returned from our tour of meetings and found your card. I don't know what you mean about "rejecting" God, of course the only rejection of Him who died to make us acceptable to Him can be disobedience of faith, in other words not believing what HE has said to and offered us, you are not doing that!

I enclose two things. Read them and write me again.

My love in Christ,



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## EXCERPTS

I just marvel at the grace of God, but that is God. He is not interested in our professions of righteousness, for we have none; but when He gets us broken, sometimes He takes us right into falls and sins of the flesh to expose ourselves to ourselves, then His mercy and grace can abound. It is the redeemed sinner in whom He is glorified, and I see, and thrill to see, the abundance of the grace of God on you in such a marked way these days. A big Hallelujah! Your letters are a great joy and refreshment.

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Thank you, darling, both for your precious love-care of our Sandy and the “positive” report you give on her saying she will be writing a book on ENJOY YOUR CANCER - marvellous, marvellous, best news ever, and something like that would be totally God-glorifying in our sufferings, exactly modern re-application of Paul's, “that Christ may be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death”!

So I watch with joy and intense interest this home-pull on you right into practically city politics. There is a tight-rope balance here but I can see the Spirit is maturing you for it - I have always stood square that the gospel - “mystery” as hammered home to us by Paul is disconnected with earthly kingdoms, nations, politics! I have preserved my WEC most carefully from moving from gospel mystery-ministry to the temptations of the social in Missionary terms such as education, health etc. that just IS NOT IN THE NT! So there is always the DANGER SIGNAL when the pull is to politics. That is why I have so stood with Billy Graham in keeping himself clear from politics.

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This huge red plant Sandie has brought into me, with their strong stems almost like trunks and the big red blossoms - the first two have already opened up. I think I like the strong “trunks” to the flowers as much as the bloom, (never seen such strong ones on a flower) because, like the way CLC put those strong Redwoods as the picture of the YES I AM book, I love the sense of us being “strong pillars in the house of our God” because we have ceased to be ourselves; and we know our

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STRENGTH - but this IS the strength. So this plant talks loudly to me on my little table beside 'my' chair, which Sandie says is my sleep chair, and I stretch out the foot rest. I was telling John & Kath that really I only need about 4 to 5 hours sleep at night, but "Yes", Sandie told them "because he sleeps about six hours every day on his chair!!!!"

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We have surely preached high, but Paul says division is carnality and baby stuff. Let us refuse to admit or walk on that level. I don't think folks should have walked out of that prayer meeting. Prayer is unto God, and we speak freely to Him what is on our hearts, even though it is against and across the opinions of others. We meet at the throne in one heart.

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Then finally when you speak of the vision of the UL Mag going to "millions of copies" and the day when we fill "football stadiums", once again, it is obvious that you don't recognise the cutting edge of our message which will always produce the offence of the cross as with Jesus and Paul, and the evangelical world will not receive it, except in some watered-down version; and the danger of this new objective in Union Life to get the message more widely accepted only means that will be a watered down element. It's the lack of anything less than total which has created waves. So you see we really have two different objectives - one to be occupied solely in presenting our Total Truth, with no concern as to how it is received, which has been our glorious main thrust these years and grabbed some while alienating others; but now with another objective, not just of putting out THE TRUTH at all costs, let the chips fall where they may, but rather of making it somewhat even gradually palatable to readers. I think you will find by this latter means folks will gradually come to regard it as "just another deeper life Mag", and largely bypass it as such: and it is only those who are totally "grabbed" who will totally involve themselves with us.

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I was delighted to find this lively little Testament with a message in it from Abram which I shall always treasure. I had no idea that Pauline had made an inquiry of you, and that you would do this; but she must often have heard me say how I liked the little red one Abram always produces, and would like one myself. Thank you both so much. I have written Abram.

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I've only just been reading "His soul shall dwell at ease and his seed shall inherit the earth" - with a Calvary behind it!

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And you and my calling, is being CONSUMED to give this our "total" to our brethren, knowing in our present era only "few there be that find it". But one day ALL WILL KNOW! We are privileged pioneers.

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I have long been disturbed about our modern "Bibles" which are wildly away from the depth and richness of the original wording. I'm still a King James man!! And I know what I'm talking about because I translated the NT into Bangala from the Greek! But you hit a real spot that we are spreading among new Christians a watered-down version of the Scriptures, and the next generation are going to pay for it. We already have the problem that folk can't memorize the Scriptures as in our days because they are all using different versions. These new paraphrases are toys!

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Joe, I think that an excellent suggestion that Roy Hession should write your life. Of all the people he has pursued on most faithfully what God revealed to him (and me with him) on our Ruanda visit, and now could write more understandingly on the real message of the Spirit thru your life, though he would not be able to interpret your earlier Cambridge days so well, but that would be a detail. I hope you'll encourage him to

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go ahead. And remember the time for such a biography is when you are still around and fresh in folks' minds, or when, as might well be for you and me, we go Murray's way with rejoicing!

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My job is to POUR IN the positive, and we don't have to attack dark, but light SWALLOWS IT and we KNOW as Paul & John knew that our total light will swallow what when only partial will bless somewhat but then fade. THIS WILL NEVER FADE.

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1988... The Breath will come I am sure, suddenly! as a building may take years to erect and then be fire gutted in a matter of hours, so I picture, can the massive and almost terrifying superstructure of Communism be burned severely if not completely by the Fire of the Lord. Even so come Lord Jesus.

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After all I have "at last" clearly known and seen that it is only HE doing ALL, and therefore if any know HIM in total, as many are beginning to do, it is ALL HE !! Therefore there is nothing for me to be "humbled" about if the Spirit has made me a lamp-lighter, because the light and lamp-lighting is all He. So where humility? - or pride? NON-EXISTENT!!!

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It is more than Christ in us; it is He the Real I indivisibly - as Paul said in Gal.2:20; and I have great joy in going around revealing this to many struggling with the illusory sense of a divided self - and as the revelation reaches its fulfillment in God ALL in all- Nothing but He exists - and that covers good and evil!

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You are quite right that both sides of the fence need invasion, and the Holy Ghost is busy at it these days. It is great fun walking the tight rope with God, and everybody expecting you to fall at any moment! But I find open hearts everywhere these days in all camps.

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I don't know how I came quite suddenly to put these things together on "suffering" nor did I realize that it would have the larger effect than anything else the Mag has published from me. So I shall be grateful, because I always like enclosing something to new correspondents and usually those who don't yet KNOW our TOTAL, and letters have to become epistles, and then I like enclosing something which isn't just a quote from known authority, but just personal interpretation to fit the letter. So I shall be grateful. I have long been using the NO INDEPENDENT SELF ARTICLE, AND SOMEWHAT LARGER ON Romans, which brought me such light and confirmation when after all these years I suddenly saw - blind that I had been - that our mighty authority Paul had said precisely that on no indep self in strongest terms in his vessel, branch, slave, wife illustrations - shouting at us all, and such strong evidence when I can say, If you don't see it, deal with Paul!

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I am sure our safe place of unity is always in Jesus Himself, and not in any viewpoints concerning Him, and that is our happy meeting place.

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We have absolute need of each other, and any casualties among us are wounds in the Body of Christ.

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By the way, in beginning the clearing of things here, I am glad to say that I have found the whole steel trunk load of C.T.'s writings, diaries etc. I had thought they had gone in the blitz; but apparently careful Pauline collected them by the armloads and put them in this trunk. I should like

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to get them over, say next December, and spend a month digging out hot-shot.

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Now as to the “retreat” (horrible name), let’s change it to “advance”.

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Thank you, darling, for another of your ‘pop-in’ letters. Always refreshing, and how refreshed I get with your visit, and the only one who zones in with me (or gets me zoning in with her) straight on Scripture; but how good it is. This time on Hebrews, and however much I dig and have dug into the one “different” type of epistle, in comes new areas of light. I had never seen so clearly how that great what I call total inner movement is consummated in Heb, in that ‘great leap’ of Chap, 5, 6 and the radical transmutation. I’m sure that’s what we are entrusted with and are fighting on, and is for us (as those true spirit-pioneers you refer to) as radical and out of range, until we are moved up to the summit, as was Abram’s final faith-sacrifice of Isaac. I’m again enthralled and entranced with that Kierkegaard in his “Fear & Trembling”. No wonder even our attitude to Kierk gives us away - my “richest” holiness folks still by-pass him as questionable on new birth. So that was his alone walk in “divine madness” of real faith, in its implications and consequences, and what privilege that we are sharing that walk with him.

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Yes, the spirit hit the mark for us both in this vital subdivision of Hebrews from “beginning” stuff in 1-5, right thru to experiencing self-rest, and only then on to MATURITY - priesthood, when the final “horror” part of Heb.11 faith which is the enduring, to final word achieving, really takes precedence over the outer achievements of the large part of the chapter, which the world can “approve” and therefore is within reach of being approved (and thus “worthy”), to that end part beyond even the beginning believer’s approval, and is therefore beyond the world’s “worthiness” “of which the world is not worthy”, but where the GLORY LIES; and our final “strong meat” of intercessorhood, when only resurrection-type of

“achievement” is recognized and becomes our “obsession”- a vast move-over from Gal.2:20 self-release, to Gal. 5:14 self-immolation, rejected and rejecting, and into its eternal heritage- from 120 at Pentecost to fifteen hundred million present-day. And the Spirit is moving us into that area.

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I loved you seeing, that Elisha, was after the Spirit in Elijah. That's why Paul said “Follow me as I follow Christ” and we appear to the watching “daughters of Jerusalem” in the Song, just to be following a man. So we take no notice as we appear to be men-followers, till that same Spirit settles in us and releases us from followers to co-sharers!

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I think the “shallowness and selfishness” that “turns you off” is only a cover, isn't it. Everybody must be hungry and dissatisfied until they have finally “come home” in God, mustn't they; but there is the old, old problem of thinking there must be self-improvement, and then hiding under the inability to “attain”. So we each have to be “broken on the wheel” of vain self-effort, don't we, until the brokenness is complete enough for the darkness to be swallowed up in light. God will get us all there by one means or another, so I have to practice seeing through these frustrating appearances to God in hidden action! I am always slipping up there!

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Paul pleaded with the Corinthians, Philippians to “be of the same mind” with each other, and I fully believe that as we each base our convictions on Scripture, we could and should get together until we can see where they fit each other. But I suppose I must take it now that you don't see it like that, and to some extent we part in the flesh - Horrible to me. But you are precious God-led as much as I, and so what can I say but, “Thus saith the Lord” to you, and thus to me.

You do add you will “write in a full way” to me, well - thank you, dear, for that; but I don't really like it as taking the place of face to face digging to our roots together, and finding where they intertwine: and I feel lest by

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writing we shall slip into the “words and phrases” dangers that Paul so warned his Timothy against – and in a sense you are my Timothy.

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In the end we don’t argue on freedom as a philosophy. We stand with Jesus who said “If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed”. CHRIST is our freedom - Person joined to person.

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I have just received a letter from Ken Getty, our WEC Canadian Secretary and former missionary in India, in which he quotes from “the beautifully balanced expression of a Quaker brother who drinks at the same Spring” - Richard Foster from his FREEDOM OF SIMPLICITY - Page 82 - “Inward Simplicity - The Divine Center”:

“Earlier I spoke of God on the periphery of my life. Actually, it would be more accurate to say that I was on the periphery of His life. It was I who needed to come into the Center, the Core. It is one thing for God to come into us (and a very necessary thing), but it is quite another for us to come into God. In the first instance we are still the center of attention: in the second God is the focal point. When God comes into us we still have a certain kind of autonomy: when we come into God we have come IN. He is in all and through all and above all. This is no infantile pantheism, as if God could be captured in His creation; it is a marvelous majestic monotheism - one God from whom all life is sustained. It is life out of the Divine Center.

The focus of Christian simplicity becomes more clear when we change the image flow from God coming into us to our coming into God. ‘Christ in you’ was certainly an important theme in Paul’s teaching, but his favourite and most frequent image was of us ‘in Christ’. In the latter case, Christ has become the reference point and we are making the movement into Him. When we are in Christ, our deeds and words are of one piece, because they both flow from a “single Spring”.

Foster is saying what we are saying that in the revelation of “Christ in you”, we are the center of attraction and we still have a certain autonomy. Precisely. Precisely. Where do I fit? What about my inconsistencies? But in the revelation of us in Christ (the difference between Paul in Col. 1:27&28), where is the self? Autonomy (Independent self) has disappeared, and the

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human self is the spontaneous expression of the Deity Self: once walking Satans, now through Calvary walking Christs but never were just walking human selves! Here is our missing key.

So indeed we speak the “same thing”, and you will bear with me as I once again pluck the string of my fiddle with one string!

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There just is a great gap between head-knowing (which is good and necessary based on outer word as the stepping stone), but a world apart from our inner Knowing and Being.

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Great encouragement generally with the way folks are coming to “see”. But the battle always rages with Pastors. That’s a second “baptism” to die to the ministry to get the Spirit-resurrection. Always a cross!

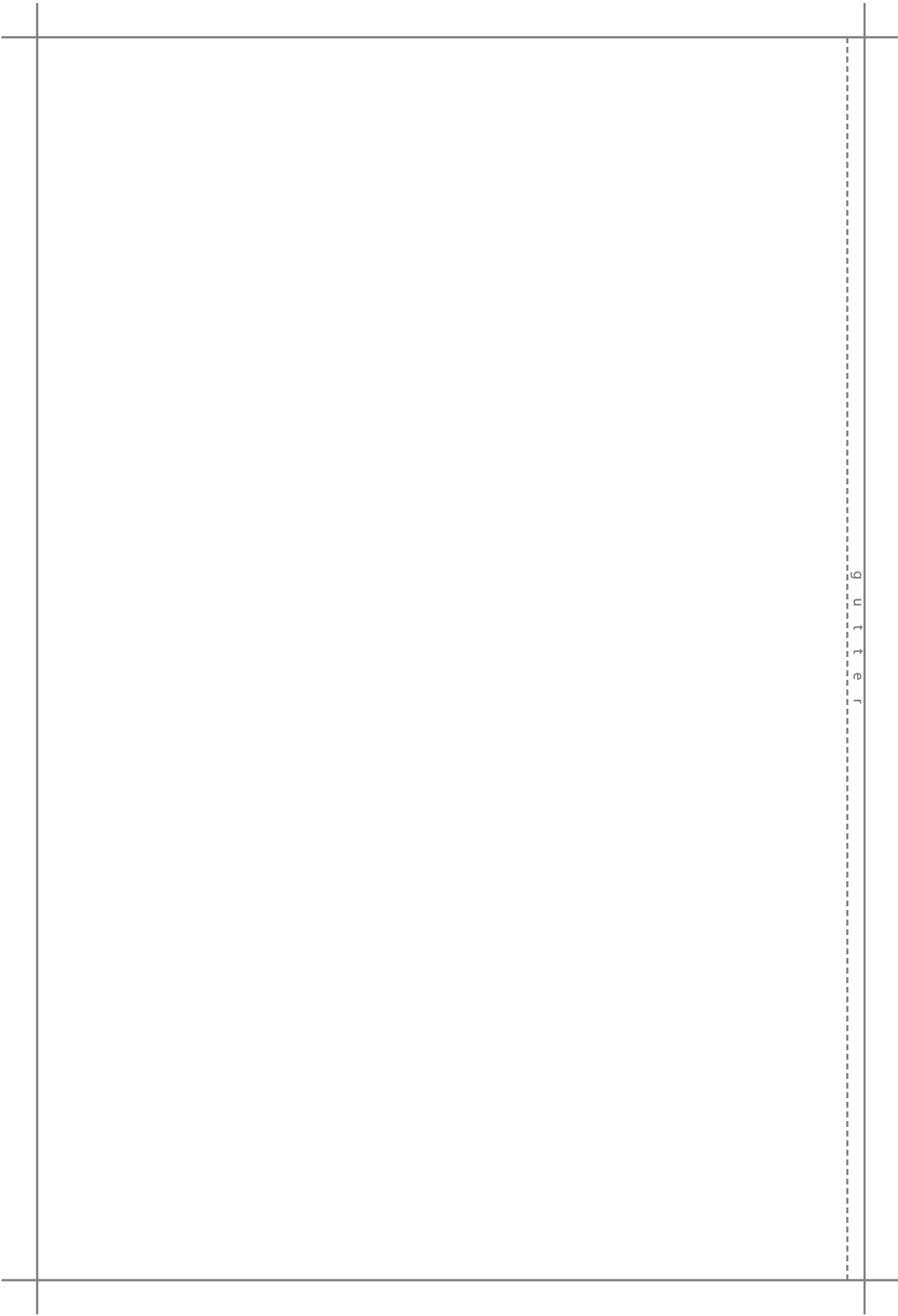
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New lights are beginning to shine, as the Spirit gives the revelation of who we really ARE, as He - glowing steel!

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Marvellous how God puts up with our restrictions of Him!







And from Norman's *final* letter to us all.....

“BY FAITH MAY YOU FIND THE ANSWERS  
THAT THE LORD HAS FOR YOU...MAY YOU  
ALWAYS WALK IN FAITH UNTIL WE MEET IN  
THE GLORY OF GOD.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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## GLOSSARY

**AV**.....Abraham, Abram Veriede  
**CC**.....Campus Crusade  
**CC**.....Coordinating Council  
**Camp Hill**.....WEC Headquarters in the U.S.  
**C of E**.....Church of England  
**CFO**.....Camp Farthest Out  
**CHM**.....Charles Henry Mackintosh  
**CLC**.....Christian Literature Crusade  
**CTS**.....C.T. Studd, founder of Worldwide Evangelization Crusade  
**CUMB**.....Cambridge University Missionary Band  
**DCD**.....Don't Care a Damn...booklet by C.T. Studd that shocked his mission group  
**DV**.....God willing  
**ELO**.....Evangelical Lutherns  
**Gaol**.....jail  
**HAM**.....Heart of Africa Mission  
**HO**.....Honor Oak  
**HQ**.....Headquarters  
**HT**.....Hudson Taylor  
**ICL**.....International Christian Leadership  
**IFMA**.....Interdenominational Foreign Missions Association  
**Interconn**.....WEC leaders' conference held every six years to review strategy, policy, etc.  
**IS**.....International Secretary of Worldwide Evangelization Crusade  
**IVF**.....International Varsity Fellowship  
**IVCF**.....International Varsity Christian Fellowship  
**JB**.....Jacob Boehme, 16<sup>th</sup> century mystic  
**JW**.....Jehovah Witness  
**LMC**.....Leprosy and Medical Crusade  
**LOOK**...WEC publication  
**MRA**.....Moral Re-Armament  
**MS**.....manuscript  
**MTC**.....Missionary Training College  
**MTC's**.....missionary training candidates  
**NA**.....North America  
**N.A.M.**.....North America Mission

**NA WEC**.....North America Worldwide Evangelization Crusade  
**Pente**.....Pentecostal  
**Q.T**.....quiet time  
**RBMU**.....Regions Beyond Missionary Union  
**RH**.....Rees Howells, founder of Swansea Bible College  
**Rees Howells Explains Intercession**.....published as The Intercessions  
                   of Rees Howells by Doris M. Ruscoe  
**Samuel Howells**.....Rees Howells' son  
**Scylla and Charybdis**.....sea monster characters from Homer's Odyssey  
**UP**.....United Provinces, India  
**UFM**.....Unevangelized Fields Mission  
**UL**.....Union Life  
**WCC**.....World Council of Churches  
**WEC**.....Worldwide Evangelization Crusade  
**Xtian**.....Christian  
**YW's**.....Young Warriors...WEC youth in the United Kingdom

## ENDNOTES

<sup>1</sup>Norman Grubb, *Once Caught, No Escape* (Fort Washington: Christian Literature Crusade, 1982) 28.

<sup>2</sup>Grubb 50

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